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REGIS

OUT of the England reckoning, temporarily out of action at West Brom and with his contract up at the end of the season, Cyrille Regis is on the rack.

It's all in stark contrast to the position the big striker found himself in prior to last summer's World Cup Finals, when he was in top form for his club and a strong candidate to lead the England attack in Spain.

And now there is strong speculation that Cyrille could become the next big money export to the Continent.

'Match' has spoken to him about his future. Plus we bring you the views of England manager Bobby Robson on the 'international player drain...' and those of current exile Trevor Francis.

AS West Brom's burly striker Cyrille Regis fights his way back to fitness, he admits he may quit English football when his contract expires at the end of the season.

Currently recovering from the bitter blow of a fractured cheekbone and surrounded by speculation about his future he told 'Match':

"I've often sat down and thought about the possibility of playing for a foreign club.

"Some players go overseas and have a bad time but I believe I would do well on the Continent. You never know until you try.

"I've certainly considered moving abroad but, at the same time I'm involved in talks with West Brom manager Ron Wylie about renewing my contract.

"If the terms are right I could be staying at The Hawthorns, but if things don't work out I will listen to all offers — overseas or otherwise."

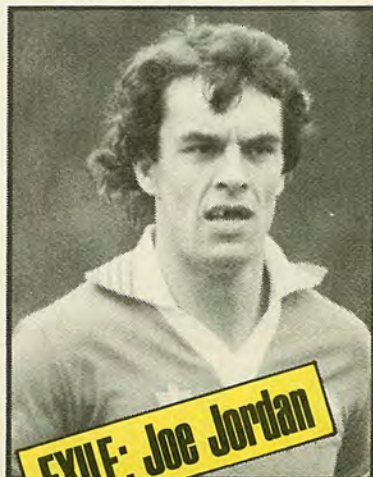
One such offer could come from Juventus' cross-city rivals Turin, if reports linking Cyrille's name with the Italian club are accurate.

But his more immediate problem is to win his way back into a West Brom side with little left to play for this season.

He suffered a set-back when he was knocked unconscious and carried off following a clash of heads in the game against West Ham.

His cheekbone was fractured and Cyrille spent almost a week in hospital following an operation.

The injury was similar to the one which kept Manchester United's Ray Wilkins out of the game for



EXILE: Joe Jordan

ON THE RACK!

NOW CYRILLE MAY GO CONTINENTAL

almost three months — losing him the captaincy of both club and country.

"It's not as serious as the one Ray suffered but I don't know just how long I will be out.

"I'm going through a difficult time at the moment but I've been through them before and bounced back and I can do it again."

Big Cyrille has come a long way since he starred for non-League Hayes and Harlington almost five years ago.

He was snapped up by West Brom at the age of 19 and within two years he picked up the first of his five Under-21 caps when he made his debut against Denmark.

More international honours were on the way with England 'B' appearances against USA and Australia, and last season he was on the verge of Ron Greenwood's squad for the World Cup in Spain.

But, with three caps under his belt — two as substitute — he was cruelly ruled out of contention by injury. "I damaged a hamstring and had to pull out," he recalls. "It was a bitter disappointment, but one of those things that happen in football."

Cyrille finished last season as West Brom's leading scorer with 25 League and Cup goals and he looked to be the perfect answer to England's goal-starved attack under the new leadership of Bobby Robson.

But — apart from an appearance in the friendly against West Germany in October — Cyrille has not figured in the former Ipswich boss's plans.

Although he is disappointed that his England career has come to a temporary halt he says: "I'm not the sort of player who sits down and moans about it. I will keep battling away and hope my chance comes along."

"My club form has not been sparkling this season and so what can you expect."

Cyrille failed even to make the squad when Bobby Robson paired Arsenal's Tony Woodcock with Watford's Luther Blissett in England's last game.

The England boss saw his selections play a major role in a 9-0 demolition of Luxembourg and it might be suggested that should

Cyrille venture abroad his chances of an England recall will be even more remote.

But despite reservations about his top players jetting off to Italy and Spain the England manager told 'Match':

"It can promote a player's international chances. There is no better example than Kevin Keegan who became a superstar after his transfer to Hamburg.

"Playing abroad can add valuable experience to a player's game if things go well... but others are not so lucky as Keegan.

"A move abroad does mean I see less of a player and unless he does exceptionally well it can decrease his chances of playing for England.

"It's different in the case of Trevor Francis.

"He's not enjoying the best of times in Italy at the moment but that is solely because of injury. He would have been in the same situation had he been at Manchester City.

"Trevor is England's best front player and once he shakes off his injury he will be back in the England reckoning. I rate him very highly and we miss him in the side."

'Match' spoke to Trevor at his home near Genoa and he said:

"When I moved to Italy I never thought for a minute that it would hamper my England chances.

"And the success of former English League players on the Continent will obviously encourage the clubs out here to look for new players.

"If the club Presidents in countries like Italy have a high enough regard for a player in England they will look to sign him."

NEXT WEEK: Trevor Francis tells why he has no regrets about leaving England — "I knew I had to go."

YOUR GUIDE TO THE BIG MOVES ABROAD

JUNE 1977: Kevin Keegan — Liverpool to Hamburg — £500,000 (returned to join Southampton, £400,000, June 1980)
JUNE 1979: Laurie Cunningham — West Brom to Real Madrid — £900,000
JUNE 1979: Dave Watson — Man. City to Werder Bremen — £200,000 (returned to join Southampton, £200,000, Oct. 1979)
NOV 1979: Tony Woodcock — Forest to Cologne — £650,000 (returned to join Arsenal, £500,000, June, 1982)
JULY 1980: Liam Brady — Arsenal to Juventus — £600,000 (since transferred to Sampdoria)
JULY 1981: Joe Jordan — Man. Utd to A.C. Milan — £150,000.
JULY 1982: Trevor Francis — Man. City to Sampdoria — £1m
AUG 1982: Peter Barnes — Leeds to Real Betis — £115,000

Cyrille Regis — EXILE?



TONY CURRIE SAYS I COULD LEAVE RANGERS

Right: Tony Currie
— blew his
comeback chance
with what was
probably the worst
performance of his
career.



TONY Currie — once the golden boy of Loftus Road — could be waving goodbye to Queen's Park Rangers at the end of the season.

The gifted midfielder has been plagued by injury for the last six months and has failed to command a regular place in Terry Venables' promotion-chasing side.

And with just a few months of his contract to run, 33-year-old Tony admits: "I may have to move if I don't get back in the team — it all depends on what the manager has in mind."

"I would love to stay at Loftus Road but, with

the team doing so well, it's going to be difficult for me to regain my place."

The former England international, a record £400,000 signing from Leeds in 1979, had played only one full senior game so far this season — and it did nothing to bolster his claims for a regular place.

He had only just recovered from a knee injury and was not fully fit when he was picked for the home game against Blackburn — a match he now wishes to forget.

"Looking back, it was a absolute nightmare," he says. "I was just not fit enough and I let myself and the side down."

"I was sick because I had been dying to get back in the side," adds Tony, who captained QPR in the FA Cup Final replay against Spurs only eight months ago.

At that time his future seemed secure and after a successful pre-season tour of Sweden he was looking forward to the new League campaign.

He says: "Ever since I joined QPR, I have suffered with one injury or another and seem to have spent most of the time on the treatment table."

"But after six weeks of pre-season training and the tour of Sweden, I felt really fit and I was playing well."

But with less than a week to go before the new season kicked off, things turned sour for the former Sheffield United and Leeds star.

He was carried off with torn ligaments in his right knee during a friendly game against Wimbledon and was sidelined for two months.

"By the time the injury had cleared up, the team was top of the division and I couldn't get in the side," says Tony, who had to wait until the end of October before he got a taste of first team football.

"I came on as substitute for the last half an hour of the game against Bolton and, although I did well, I hurt my hamstring and had to miss the game the following week."

"I was picked again two weeks later for the Blackburn game and I knew it was a great opportunity for me to reclaim my place — but it turned out to be probably the worst game of my career."

Following that disappointing performance Tony found himself in the reserves. And apart from travelling with the first team for two away games, he has not figured in Terry Venables' plans.

He makes no secret of the fact that he is unhappy playing in the reserves, but adds: "I appreciate that the manager has a winning side at the moment and it would be wrong for him to change it just for me."

"I'm really down in the dumps because I miss the excitement and build-up to a Saturday match and I miss playing in front of big crowds."

"With the reserves playing in mid-week, I go along and watch the first team on Saturdays — but it sickens me when I think I could be down on the pitch with them."

But Tony has not given up hope of playing for the first team again and he has received words of encouragement from Terry Venables in recent weeks.

"He has told all the players on the fringe of the side that, although the team is doing well, it doesn't mean no one else will get a chance," he says.

"So now I'm going to battle to get fully fit and hope that chance comes along. But it's not going to be easy because there are a lot of players fighting for a place."

"The manager is in an enviable position because he must have the best squad of players in the Second Division — and better than many First Division clubs."

Indeed, a glance down the list of players at Loftus Road tells it's own story...

In goal they have youngster Peter Hucker — who kept John Burridge out of the side before he left for Wolves — and holding the back four together in front of him is big Bob Hazell — a former England Under-21 international, arguably the best centre-half in the division.

Alongside him is current Under-21 player Terry Fenwick and, in midfield, Gary Waddock is proving an important influence.

Up front the experience of Ilford-born Mike Flanagan is proving a perfect foil for another young England international in the shape of sharp-shooter Clive Allen.

Rangers were favourites to go up at the beginning of the season and, standing nine points clear of the fourth-placed club, Sheffield Wednesday after 25 League games, they look almost certain to fulfil that early faith.

Says Tony: "Promotion is a real possibility and the thought of playing in the First Division is an incentive for me to stay at QPR."



QPR manager Terry Venables — can't change a winning side.

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Much-travelled Bob Hatton (left) shows the sort of goalscoring form that puts him third in our charts — this time for Sheffield United against Oxford.

SPOTLIGHT on soccer's top forty strikers — the current players most deadly in front of goal.

ROARING FORTY!

TOP FORTY HIT LIST

Player	Club	League Goals in career
1 Bryan 'Pop' Robson	Chelsea	255(2)
2 Tony Brown	Torquay	225(0)
3 Bob Hatton	Cardiff	212(6)
4 Mike Channon	Norwich	207(3)
5 Bob Latchford	Swansea	199(13)
6 Frank Worthington	Sunderland	192(7)
7 Les Bradd	Wigan	181(7)
(Currently on loan to Bristol R.)		
8 Ernie Moss	Port Vale	179(9)
9 David Cross	Man. City	175(7)
10 Alan Buckley	Walsall	168(8)
11 Alan Ball	Bristol R.	165(0)
12 David Gwyther	Newport	161(3)
13 Alex Bruce	Preston	159(6)
14 Phil Boyer	Man. City	154(1)
15 John Richards	Wolves	147(2)
(Currently on loan to Derby)		
Peter Kitchen	Orient	147(4)
17 Jimmy Greenhoff	Port Vale	144(2)
18 Dennis Tueart	Man. City	140(3)
19 Derek Hales	Charlton	139(8)
20 Kevin Keegan	Newcastle	137(14)
21 Alan Gowling	Preston	135(1)
Paul Mariner	Ipswich	135(7)
David Moss	Luton	135(7)
24 Andy McCulloch	Sheff. Wed.	130(4)
25 Keith Edwards	Sheff. Utd.	126(5)
26 Ronnie Moore	Rotherham	125(4)
27 Tony Kellow	Exeter	125(7)
28 Rodney Fern	Rotherham	124(5)
29 Andy Rowland	Swindon	123(12)
30 Steve Phillips	Southend	121(9)
31 Ross Jenkins	Watford	120(5)
Billy Rafferty	Portsmouth	120(11)
33 Stan Bowles	Brentford	119(4)
34 Neil Whatmore	Birmingham	116(8)
(Currently on loan to Bolton)		
35 Alan Biley	Portsmouth	112(15)
36 Brendan O'Callaghan	Stoke	108(4)
37 Mike Flannagan	QPR	107(1)
38 Ray Kennedy	Swansea	106(0)
39 D. Swindlehurst	Derby	101(7)
40 Leighton James	Sunderland	100(2)

Bubbling under

Roger Wylde	Oldham	99(13)
Tommy Phillips	Chester	99(0)
Alistair Brown	West Brom	98(5)
Alan Curtis	Swansea	97(4)
Robbie James	Swansea	96(6)

● Figures in brackets denote League goals scored this season up to and including Saturday, January 29.

CHELSEA'S Bryan Robson is 'Top of the Pops' in soccer's hit parade.

The evergreen striker is number one in the charts, with 255 League goals netted during an amazing career which has spanned 20 years and seven different clubs.

Bryan — better known to the fans as 'Pop' — is the only current player who has scored more than 250 goals in his career. He broke that barrier last season while playing for Carlisle.

Number two in the goalscorer's top forty is former West Brom striker Tony 'Bomber' Brown. Now playing at Torquay, Tony has 225 goals to his credit.

The top First Division striker is Norwich City's Mike Channon. The former England and Southampton star is fourth in the charts with 207 goals.

And Mike says: "Scoring goals is the hardest job in football so anyone who can get 200 in his career has done exceptionally well.

"I've been lucky. I was thrown into the first team as a teenager and have managed to keep clear of injuries.

"I never really set myself any goalscoring targets, although it was a tremendous feeling when I finally notched up my 200th League goal at Southampton, last season.

"People claim that it's getting harder to score goals nowadays. I just don't believe that. It was just as difficult when I first came into the game.

"My best goalscoring spell was during the mid 1970's and I was disappointed then if I didn't score at least 20 goals in a season."

Mike's best season for goals was in the 1973-74 season, when he finished up as the First Division's leading scorer with 21 goals ahead of such deadly scorers as Malcolm Macdonald, John Richards and Trevor Francis.

Two young players who Mike believes could go on and score 200 goals in their careers are his former Southampton team-mate Steve Moran and Luton's exciting prospect Paul Walsh.

"As regards out and out finishing, I think Steve is the tops. He's absolutely lethal in front of goal.

"Paul Walsh is another youngster who has impressed me. He stays cool under pressure and is very quick," says Mike, who was capped 46 times by England.



Bryan Robson — top of the 'pops'.

Below: Mike Channon — top goalscorer currently playing in Division One.



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LEEDS LAID LOW...

FORMER Leeds skipper Trevor Cherry believes it will take the Elland Road side "two or three seasons" to recover from the blow of relegation to Division Two.

Says Trevor, the new player-manager of Bradford City: "Leeds being relegated last season was the lowest point of my career."

"It was a disaster for the club. Everything possible went wrong."

"It was such a blow it could take them two or three seasons to get over it."

For his own part, Trevor is now sampling life in the Third Division for the first time, following his £40,000 move across Yorkshire.

He says: "It was a big decision but the time was right."

"It was a big wrench to leave Elland Road after more than ten years with Leeds but I had to take the challenge."

"There's a tremendous atmosphere and remarkable team spirit here. There was no despondency at all when I arrived which is good after such a traumatic time behind the scenes."

With no worries concerning his own fitness, Trevor intends to carry on playing. "As long as I am worth my place, and the staff feel I am, I will continue."

One boost for the club was the arrival of former Wales skipper Terry Yorath.

Says Trevor: "Terry's a very good player. I rate him very highly. He wanted to get involved in the coaching side and his tactical knowledge is as important as his contribution to the playing side."



Trevor Cherry — a wrench to leave Elland Road after ten years.

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Men on the move

YOUR guide to the major comings and goings on the transfer trail since last August:

AUGUST			
Player	From	To	Fee
Phil Bonnyman	Chesterfield	Grimsby	£70,000
Mick Speight	Blackburn	Grimsby	£25,000
Billy Ronson	Wrexham	Barnsley	£50,000
Kevin Keegan	Southampton	Newcastle	£100,000
Peter Beardsley	Vancouver	Man. Utd	£300,000
Mark Chamberlain	Port Vale	Stoke	£150,000
Mark Harrison			
Mick Kennedy	Huddersfield	Middlesbrough	£100,000
Mike Thomas	Brighton	Stoke	£200,000
Hans Van Breukelen	Utrecht	Forest	£200,000
Alan Young	Leicester	Sheff. Utd	£200,000
SEPTEMBER			
Tony McAndrew	Middlesbrough	Chelsea	£92,500
Garry Birtles	Manchester Utd	Forest	£275,000
Bob Newton	Hartlepool	Port Vale	£15,000
John Burridge	QPR	Wolves	£75,000
Noel Blake	Aston Villa	Birmingham	£55,000
Ray Hankin	Vancouver	Middlesbrough	£85,000
Tony Cunningham	Lincoln	Barnsley	£80,000
Colin Russell	Liverpool	Huddersfield	£15,000
Neville Chamberlain	Port Vale	Stoke	£30,000
Terry McDermott	Liverpool	Newcastle	£100,000
OCTOBER			
David McCreery	Tulsa Roughnecks	Newcastle	£75,000
Allan Simonsen	Barcelona	Charlton	£250,000
NOVEMBER			
Mark Aizlewood	Luton	Charlton	£50,000
Richard Jobson	Burton Albion	Watford	£15,000
Mick Mills	Ipswich	Southampton	£50,000
Jeff Johnson	Newport	Gillingham	£10,000
Brian Flynn	Leeds	Burnley	£65,000
George Lawrence	Southampton	Oxford	£45,000
Trevor Lee	Gillingham	Bournemouth	£5,000
Alan Dodd	Stoke	Wolves	£40,000
DECEMBER			
Bobby Davison	Halifax	Derby	£90,000
Frank Worthington	Leeds	Sunderland	£50,000
Trevor Cherry	Leeds	Bradford	£40,000
Justin Fashanu	Forest	Notts Co.	£150,000
Peter Reid	Bolton	Everton	£60,000
Phil Walker	Chesterfield	Rotherham	£10,000
			(plus Mike Gooding)
Paul Barron	C. Palace	West Brom	£60,000
Joe Hinnigan	Sunderland	Preston	£15,000
JANUARY			
Pat Heard	Aston Villa	Sheffield Wed.	£60,000
Howard Gayle	Liverpool	Birmingham	£75,000
Kenny Swain	Aston Villa	Forest	£25,000
Danny Wilson	Chesterfield	Forest	£30,000
			(plus Calvin Plummer and Steve Kendall)
Ken Price	Gillingham	Reading	£10,000
David Mills	West Brom	Sheff. Wed.	£30,000

● Up to and including transfers completed on January 28.

EVERTON'S KING-SIZED EURO TASK

EVERTON are planning a 'Euro' charge.

Says striker Andy King, back at Goodison Park after spells with Q.P.R. and West Brom: "If we could earn ourselves a place in Europe, it would be a great pick-me-up for the team."

"We've got to give our fans something to shout about because of 'them' across the park (Liverpool)."

"Playing in Europe is a marvellous thing and I'm sure we can earn our place."

"There are a couple of teams above us who could well drop out of the running — Coventry for one. It amazes me that they are still up there."

★ **STOKE** City have signed two youngsters from Adrian Heath's old school. Midfield players Graham Shaw and Carl Beeston come to the Victoria Ground from Knupton School to follow in the footsteps of Adrian Heath, who began his career at Stoke before his £650,000 move to Everton last season.

★ **NOTTINGHAM** Forest, who have paid £1 million on three occasions in the past four years, have turned to non-League football in a bid to find new talent. They have written to leading non-League sides in the country asking them to recommend players.

★ **JACK** Charlton claims he's as hooked on fishing as he is on soccer — which is clearly illustrated by the big man having been chosen to host the BBC 2 fishing programme 'Hooked', now showing on Thursday evenings. "Catching a fish myself, or watching top anglers in action gives me as much pleasure as seeing my own side score four goals away from home," claims the Sheffield Wednesday boss.

THE KIDS FOR FAME!

NICK PRAISES YOUNG SAINTS

BE patient — that's the plea to Southampton fans from midfielder Nick Holmes.

The South coast club are currently struggling at the wrong end of the First Division after qualifying for a place in Europe last season and the fans have been frustrated by the departures of experienced and popular stars like former England skipper Kevin Keegan, Alan Ball and Mike Channon.

But says Nick: "It's impossible to replace players of their calibre unless you've got £2 million to spend on a Bryan Robson or a Steve Coppell.

"The manager has brought in a lot of young players this term and I'm sure Southampton will be reaping the

benefits of that policy this time next year.

"Players like Danny Wallace, Reuben Agboola and Mark Wright have proved themselves to be fine prospects. All they need now is the experience of playing First Division football week in and week out.

"This season there have been games when we've played with four players under 20-years-old. With so many inexperienced youngsters in the team, you're bound to have a few problems.

"The first few games you play in the first team are the easy ones because no-one knows what to expect of you. The longer you're in the team the harder it becomes.

"It's all a matter of consistency and I'm sure the players will gain that with first team experience," says the long-serving 'Saints' star.



MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

GLEEFUL GIBSON'S BONUS GOALS

NEW Spurs scoring sensation Terry Gibson admits: "It's great just to be in the side. Scoring goals is a bonus."

Terry hit five goals in six games including the winner in the FA Cup Fourth Round tie at home to West Brom.

Garth Crooks returned for the Cup tie but Terry kept his place on merit... this time at the expense of Scottish international Steve Archibald, who was dropped.

"I played three games on the trot in the 1979-80 season but this has been my longest ever run in the first team. I just hope it continues," says Terry.

■ MANCHESTER City striker David Cross has been suspended... no, not from football, but from 'Match Weekly'!

Columnist David is taking a well-earned break from his fortnightly appearances, and he thanks all our readers for their support during the last 15 months.

GUNNERS GO TO SCHOOL

SEVERAL top London players will be coaching at the One Touch Soccer clinic this year.

Arsenal's Peter Nicholas, John Hollins and Paul Davis, QPR's Mike Flanagan and Crystal Palace's Paul Hinshelwood will all be involved in the week-long clinics for boys aged from nine to 16.

The clinics, held in the south of England, are designed to help young players improve their techniques, skills and understanding of the game.

Anyone interested should contact the One Touch Soccer Clinic, 87 Beckenham Lane, Shortlands, Bromley, Kent.

■ FORMER Coventry winger Don Nardiello has joined the West Midlands police force.

The Welsh international had trials with West Brom, Sunderland, Sheffield United, Cambridge and Oxford following his return from America, but none of them offered him a contract.

So the 25-year-old decided for the sake of his family to seek security in the police force.

■ THE Birmingham Boys Junior Football League, where top Midlands stars like Steve Hunt, Gary Shaw, Larry May and Gordon Cowans were discovered, is organising the prestigious Birmingham International Football tournament later this year.

Three of the leading Midlands First Division clubs — West Brom, Birmingham and Aston Villa — have all donated trophies for different age groups.

The tournament, being staged from July 31 to August 7, is being administered by Sandfield International, the Leicester-based firm who are involved in youth football coaching.

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■ SUNDERLAND goalkeeper Chris Turner conceded his first goal in 573 minutes of League football in the 1-1 draw at Tottenham. He was beaten by little Terry Gibson.

'MY DEBT TO CLOUGH' — KENNY SWAIN

NEW Forest signing Kenny Swain admits: "I owe a lot to Brian Clough. I went through a very unsettling period but everything has gone well for me at the City Ground."

Kenny was loaned out to Forest after losing his place in the Aston Villa first team to youngster Mark Jones.

Forest manager Brian Clough wanted him to replace injured England international rightback Viv Anderson and last month signed him on a permanent basis for £25,000.

"I'm just delighted to be playing regular first team football again. It's nice to get a consistent run going."

■ THE Burnley Boys Club are to benefit to the tune of £500 as a result of Burnley winning the 'Fiat Performance of the Week' for their sensational 4-1 Milk Cup Quarter-Final victory over Spurs.

■ IT was a case of unlucky 13 for Mansfield player-manager Stuart Boam. The former Middlesbrough and Newcastle defender became the 13th managerial casualty of the season when he was sacked by the Fourth Division club with five months of a two-year contract left to run.

IN his time across the Atlantic, former Sheffield United and Watford manager Ken Furphy worked with some of the most famous names in football.

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I NEARLY KICKED OUT ALAN BRAZIL

ALAN Brazil could have a place in my team anytime he likes, but there was one occasion when I nearly told him to pack his bags . . .

Every club in America took advantage of the English loan system — even the Cosmos who acquired the services of Charlie Aitken from Aston Villa.

Without the system, the standard of play in 1978 would not have been as high as it was.

The most affordable were the young 18-year-olds who, for one reason or another, had not made the break into the first team at their respective clubs.

We were fortunate at Detroit Express in that we were able to use Jimmy Hill's long-term association with people in the game.

For instance, Bill McGarry, then manager of Newcastle, had once worked for Jimmy in Saudi Arabia and he loaned us goalkeeper Steve Hardwick for a time.

I'd always had a good relationship with Bobby Robson, so it was to him that I turned for the loan of Alan Brazil — then an 18-year-old centre forward.

My assistant Roy McRohan recommended Alan and after watching him play in Ipswich Town reserves I approached his manager.

It was no secret that coach Bobby Ferguson — now manager at Ipswich — was having a few problems with Alan.

Among other things, Bobby was questioning Alan's attitude and application. There were some fears that his faults would prevent him from developing his obvious potential to the full.

On many occasions with these youngsters it is more a sense of frustration at the apparent delay in getting that vital first opportunity. Three years of reserve team football can be quite soul destroying.

KEN FURPHY'S AMERICA



A briefing with Trevor Francis before a shootout, Trevor scored the winner in his first game for Detroit on loan.

Anyway, I eventually persuaded Bobby that by letting Alan play in the States it would help him develop his ability because he would be playing regular first team football under pressure.

I believed that the American experience and the different way of life would also help him mature as a person.

Alan missed the first five games, but joined up with the team in New York prior to our match against the Cosmos. The overnight flight prevented him making his debut but three days later he ran out on the astroturf to play his first game for the

Detroit Express.

Little did he know at that time what the next few years were to hold for him. Little did I know that I was to come within an ace of sending him straight back to England.

Alan impressed the fans immediately with his skilful, left foot ball control and dribbling skill. He did not score, but we were all extremely happy that with the expected arrival of Trevor Francis, also on loan, we were going to have a lethal partnership up front.

Alan stayed at my Oxford, Michigan, home the first evening and then we accommodated him with a young Brazilian player called D'Oliviera, nicknamed "Basil" by the English players for obvious reasons.

The two boys were to hit it off immediately and they remain firm friends to this day. They shared a common interest in horse racing — too much of an interest if only half the stories I heard about their exploits were true!

Three days later, playing in Dallas temperatures over 100 degrees I was far from happy with Alan's first half performance.

In such conditions you really have to dig deep to keep going and he appeared to have decided to give it a miss. He complained of an ankle injury so I immediately subbed him.

Our next game was at home, and considering his last performance and the doubt about his ankle, I decided to keep Alan on the bench and only use him if necessary.

Alan asked not to be selected as a sub because his ankle could do with a rest so I replaced him with another player.

Bobby Ferguson's misgivings came quickly to mind and I was interested to see how Alan would react to the position he had created.

We won the game without him. Trevor Francis, playing his first game, scored the winning shootout goal. What a start!

The following morning I received a report that, during the game, Alan had strayed into our splendid Press area and complained loudly that he had not come over just to sit on the bench.

I took immediate action, sent for Alan, confronted him with his behaviour and offered him his ticket back to England!

He got the message and we decided on a fresh start.

Playing alongside Trevor Francis over the next few months his play really blossomed and his nine goals, my son Keith's thirteen and Trevor's twenty-two gave us a strike force that carried the Express to the Eastern Divisional Championship.

I grew to like and admire Alan and I have followed his sparkling career with great interest. I wonder if he had taken that ticket home whether he would be where he is now?



A Detroit Express team shot including Alan Brazil (back row, far right), Ken Furphy's son Keith (8) and Trevor Francis (20) . . . and of course Ken himself (front row, far left).

SPURS Cockney Cup luck ran out when the draw was made for the Fifth Round.

It was the first time we had been drawn to play out of London in the competition since January 1980!

But if we must travel to Liverpool then I'd sooner it was to play the team in blue...

I'm quite confident about us getting through against Everton — whether it's at Goodison or in a replay at White Hart Lane.

It's our Cup and we are determined to keep it.

We know how Everton play and if we are going to win the trophy for the third year running we'll have to beat good sides along the way.

When we played them at our place the other week, they weren't particularly impressive but they have shown better form at home.

As you may have read, Everton wanted us to play the game on the Sunday to avoid a clash with Liverpool's home tie against Brighton.

Spurs said 'no' to the idea, but from a personal point of view I wouldn't have minded.

I'm sure it would have put a few thousand extra fans on the gate.

It might be a good idea if every club played about five matches a season on a Sunday.

Sunday crowds have proved to be good and

the game needs an injection of new ideas.

I just hope I'm fully fit for the Everton game because this has been my worst season for injuries.

The latest came in our match against Sunderland — strained ankle ligaments in my left leg.

After all that's gone before this season, it was very frustrating to miss another couple of games.

I'm just hoping for an injury-free run in to the end of the season, to get some form together.

Of course, my injury meant that I missed playing in our Fourth Round tie against West Brom at White Hart Lane.

It was pretty nerve-wracking watching from the stands — especially as we went 1-0 down in the second half.

But West Brom disappointed me and I thought our lads deserved the 2-1 victory at the end of the day.

Albion came to stifle us and while we possibly gave as much as we got, they were a bit physical. All they wanted to do it seemed was get the draw and get us back to their place.

When they came to White Hart Lane earlier in the season we ran them off the park. Even though the score finished 1-1 we could have scored six.

This time they were without Cyrille Regis and it seemed they opted for spoiling tactics.

Midfielder Gary Owen and left-back Derek Statham are two tremendous players, but they weren't half the players I know they can be on the day.

I'm sure Albion would have done better had they played more football.

A lot was made of the Graham Roberts' tackle on Albion goalscorer Clive Whitehead.

I didn't see it on TV but from where I was sitting it looked as though Graham went in for the ball and unfortunately caught the fella'.

It's one of those things. Graham had to make the tackle.

On a good note, it was fabulous for young Terry Gibson to score his fifth goal in six games — and what a winner it was too!

If Terry had a fault before, it was in his finishing — too many things were going through his mind when it came to the final shot.

I played alongside him in the reserves when I was recovering from a previous injury this season and my advice to him was simply to steady down a little.

He's doing that now and with his electrifying pace he's proving a real handful for opposing defenders.

Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald had been having a lean time on the goals front and Terry has taken his chance in the best possible way by finding the net consistently.

But I sympathise with Steve Archibald who was left out in favour of Terry against West Brom.

Steve's general play around the box has been as good as ever, but it's just that the goals haven't gone in for him this season.

He's made it clear that he will fight to get his place back in the side and that will keep Terry and Garth on their toes.

On a personal note I hope to be back in contention for a first team place against Swansea on Saturday.

The Welsh side have struggled this season compared to last term and I think that's mainly due to their form at home taking a dive.

It will still be a difficult game because Swansea don't allow you much room and we'll have to keep an eye on striker Bob Latchford who continues to score despite playing in a struggling side.

See you in two weeks...

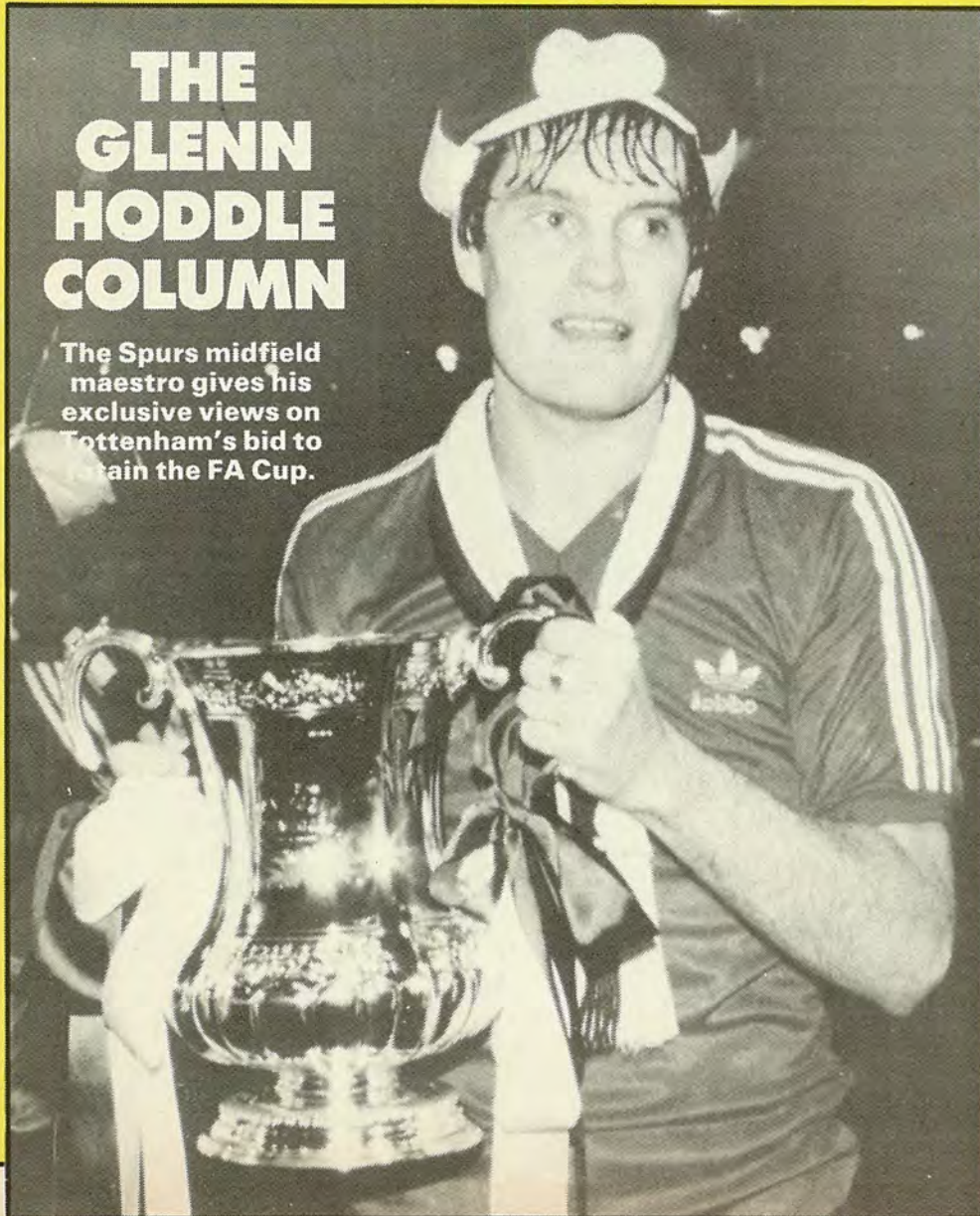
Glenn Hoddle

● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton.

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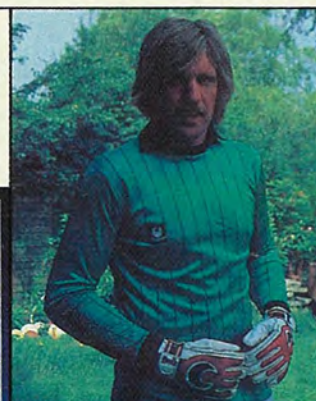
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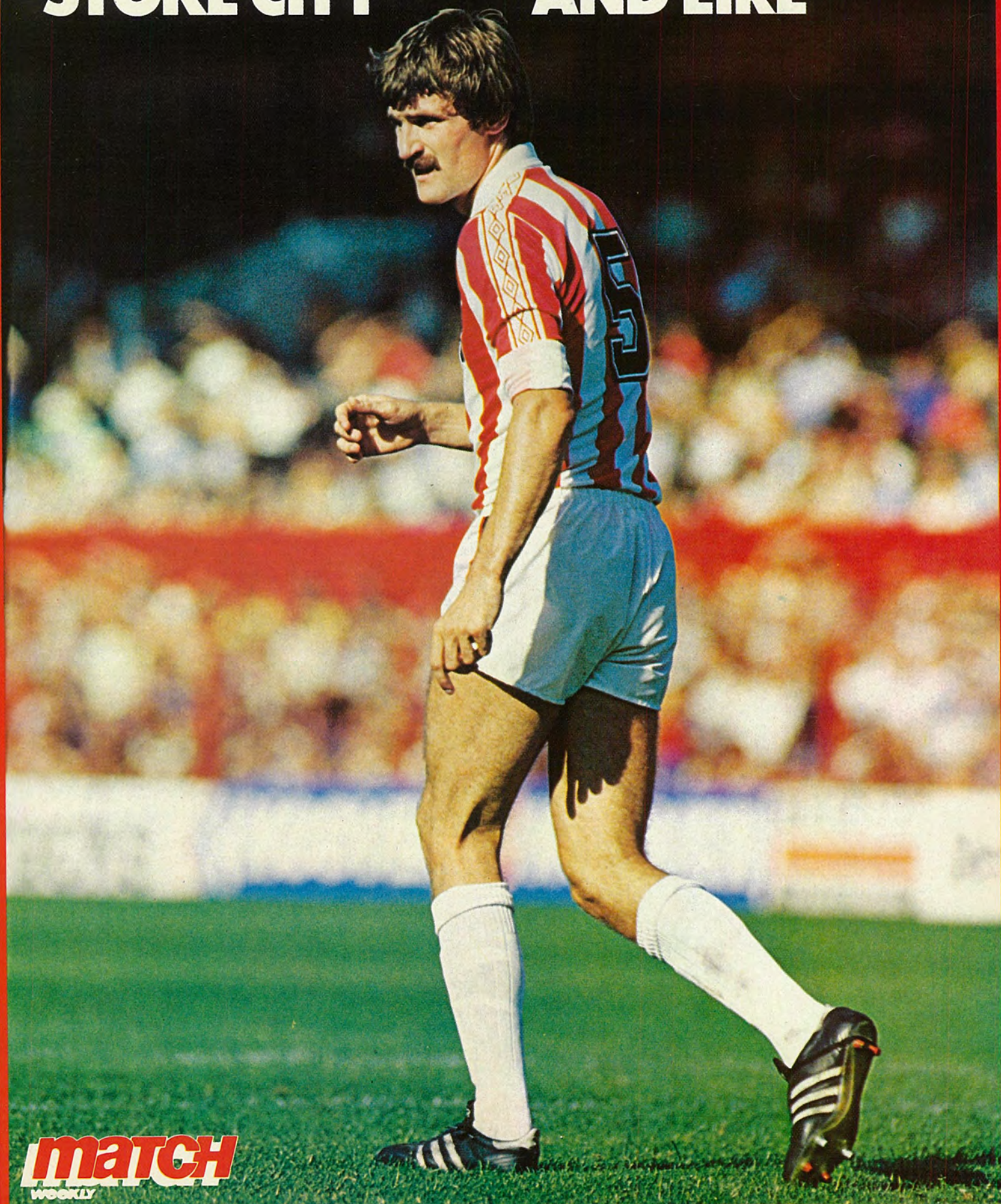
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MY best friend Kenny Dalglish, Lou Macari and David Hay all left Celtic to seek fame and fortune south of the border, but I couldn't leave Parkhead.

Although the rewards are high playing in the English First Division, money isn't everything. Anyway I've got no grumbles at Celtic — they've looked after me well.

I'll never forget that it was Celtic who took me on, educated me and made me into an international class player and I'll always be grateful to them for that.

Apart from once — when I was young and struggling to get into the side — I've never wanted to go anywhere else. The green and white hooped shirt is the only one I've wanted to wear.

To me, Celtic are the greatest club side in the world and I love playing for them.

Kenny's departure to Liverpool — after skipping us to the League and Cup double in 1976-77 — was the biggest blow to me.

After all, we'd joined Celtic at the same time and grown up together.

Liverpool wanted Kenny to replace Kevin Keegan and they really got a bargain, even though they splashed out a then club record £440,000 for him.

With all due respect to the former England skipper, who I admire very much, I believe that Kenny is four times the player Kevin is.

I must admit that I don't think much of English football. A lot of First Division clubs would struggle to survive in our Premier League.

We are all brainwashed into thinking that the English First Division is the greatest in the world — that's a load of rubbish. It used to annoy me — now I just laugh.

I was lucky. I learnt at an early age that the English claims didn't hold water. I remember when I was 20 watching Celtic take Leeds — who were the supposed team of the century — to the cleaners at Hampden Park in 1970.

Celtic did it home and away and I cheered with the rest of the fans as the players did a glorious lap of honour around Hampden.

For me English football is too boring, too technical and far too over-rated. The only thing I like about the game south of the border are the fans. They are great.

As soon as people realised what a good player Kenny Dalglish was at Liverpool everyone was saying how much sharper he looked for playing in the First Division.

That was rubbish because Kenny was earmarked for greatness from the day he could first tie his own boots.

The departure of Kenny meant that I was handed the captaincy of Celtic. That was a great honour.

But my first season in charge wasn't the best I've ever experienced. In fact, it lasted just seven League appearances and I had to sit out the rest of the season in the stands with a foot injury.

It wasn't much of a season either. For the first time in Jock Stein's reign as manager, Celtic failed to qualify for Europe and we finished fifth in the Premier Division.

I really felt sorry for the Celtic fans that season because they turned up in their thousands, even

BORING ENGLISH FOOTBALL ... BUT THE FANS ARE GREAT!



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DANNY McGRAIN

though the players didn't deserve that support.

It was injury which kept me out of Scotland's squad for the World Cup Finals in Argentina in 1978 and I watched — like millions of others — as we went out in the first round.

Our lads took terrible stick for the South American flop, but people forget that they did qualify from a really tough group and knocked out the European Champions on the way.

The squad's morale was rocked by allegations of misbehaviour, excessive drinking and a drugs scandal. Most of these were pure fiction — I know that for a fact.

Manager Ally MacLeod carried much of the can for Scotland's failure in the World Cup, but he did a good job for his country. He roused the Scottish public like no other manager had ever done before.

He may have been cocky and brash and at times overbearing, but he had the whole of Scotland behind him when the team flew out.

Argentina underlined something else to me. Scotland are a bad travelling team. A look at our record away from Hampden proves that.

I never really thought I'd get another tilt at a World Cup Finals so it was tremendous to be involved in the last competition in Spain — even though I only played one full game.

My final appearance in the blue of Scotland was when I came on for Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan against Russia in our last Group Six game.

We had to win to make sure that we went through to the second phase, but as everyone knows we were held to a 2-2 scoreline.

It was a match we should have won because I believe we were a better team than the Russians. In the end, the two silly goals we gave away against New Zealand cost us dear and Russia went through on goal difference.

I knew that once the World Cup was over my career with Scotland would be at an end. Manager Jock



Kenny Dalglish — it was a big blow when he left Celtic to join Liverpool. We'd grown up together.

Stein had to start thinking about the future.

What of Scotland's future? We're not very well placed in the European Championship qualifiers and face a difficult task to overhaul group leaders Belgium.

I think there will be a lull before Scotland become a force to be reckoned with. We've got the talent coming through — it just needs time to develop.

Give players like my team-mates Charlie Nicholas, Paul McStay and Aberdeen's Neale Cooper another year of playing together and I'm sure they'll figure in a bright future for Scotland.

Even though Scotland are building for the future I was delighted to see the manager bring Kenny Dalglish back into the reckoning. I believe he's still got a great deal to offer.

Another player I don't believe Scotland have seen the back of is goalkeeper Alan Rough. Now that he's back in the Premier Division with Hibernian he's got a chance to reclaim his international jersey.

As for the future for Danny McGrain, I'd like to continue in the game either as a coach or a manager.

But before that I still have the burning ambition of bringing the European Cup back to Celtic. It hasn't been in Glasgow since we became the first British club to win it back in 1967.

We're out of the competition this year — beaten by Spain's Real Sociedad in the Second Round — so we've got to win the Premier Division title again to qualify.

I've been unlucky in Europe — the nearest I've come to the final was back in 1973-74 when Atletico Madrid of Spain shamelessly kicked us out of the Semi-Final.

I'd loved to finish my career with a European Cup winners medal to add to my collection.

MATCHMAN OF THE MONTH

PRESENTING our 'Matchman of the Month' award for January.

The awards are based on marks given to players during League matches contained in our exclusive 'Match Facts' section, and a player must have played three games for one club during the month to qualify.



Mark Lillis — the Huddersfield hot-shot was the top man in Division Three.

Turner tops our charts

CLEAN-SHEET CHRIS!

SUNDERLAND'S Chris Turner kept his goal as safe as the Bank of England, to earn Match Weekly's First Division 'Matchman of the Month' award for January.

He conceded just one goal in four Division One fixtures during the month, as Sunderland collected eight valuable points to aid their relegation battle.

It was Tottenham's striking imp Terry Gibson who ended Chris's sequence of six successive League games without conceding a goal — a run which included shut-outs against Manchester United, Liverpool and Nottingham Forest in consecutive games.

Chris ended the month with an impressive average rating of 8.25, leaving a cluster of players sharing second place on 8.00.

That group also included another goalkeeper in Stoke's Peter Fox.

Then came midfield players Ricky Hill (Luton) and Garry Brooke (Tottenham), with defenders Steve Foster (Brighton) and Gary Gillespie (Coventry) also on the same mark.

In fact, Luton had three men in the top ten, the others being skipper Brian Horton and central defender Clive Goodyear.

● BURNLEY'S Milk Cup hero Billy Hamilton pipped Grimsby skipper Joe Waters for the Division Two honour.

Both Irishmen clocked 8.00, but Northern Ireland World Cup star Billy achieved one nine star rating in the 3-1 home win over Barnsley.

It completed a quiet month for the striker who scored twice in the 4-1 Milk Cup destruction at Tottenham, and bagged another brace against Swindon to put Burnley into the last 16 of the FA Cup.

● HUDDERSFIELD'S new goalscoring star

Mark Lillis was the most consistent player in the Third Division last month.

The former midfielder player has been transformed into a lethal striker this season.

Up to last Saturday he had scored 13 goals to help Huddersfield's solid push for promotion.

His average rating of 7.80 left him well clear of Cardiff defender Gary Bennett, Chesterfield striker Dave Windridge and Lincoln's George Shipley.

● THE Fourth Division stakes proved a runaway success for Port Vale winger Steve Fox.

Signed recently from Wrexham, the former Birmingham striker has been outstanding in Vale's bid for promotion.

He averaged 8.00 from six League outings in January, leaving Peterborough's Mick Gynn and Rochdale's Dave Thompson way behind.

● WORLD Cup defender Willie Miller, a cornerstone in Aberdeen's fight to unseat Celtic in Scotland's Championship stakes, was the Premier Division's top player last month.

Willie, who forms a formidable central defensive partnership with Alex McLeish, had an average rating of 7.80 from five League outings, putting him clear of twice-winner Cammy Fraser, the Dundee midfielder operator.

Chris Turner — he was the First Division's most consistent performer during January.

DIVISION ONE

Player	Games	Average
Chris Turner (Sunderland)	4	8.25
Peter Fox (Stoke)	4	8.00
Ricky Hill (Luton)	4	8.00
Garry Brooke (Tottenham)	3	8.00
Steve Foster (Brighton)	3	8.00
Gary Gillespie (Coventry)	3	8.00
Brian Horton (Luton)	4	7.75
Clive Goodyear (Luton)	4	7.75
Martyn Bennett (West Brom)	3	7.66
Les Sealey (Coventry)	3	7.66

DIVISION TWO

Billy Hamilton (Burnley)	4	8.00
Joe Waters (Grimsby)	4	8.00
*Paul Futcher (Oldham)	4	7.75
Gerry Gow (Rotherham)	3	7.66
Archie Gemmill (Derby)	3	7.66
Carl Harris (Charlton)	4	7.50
Roger Brown (Fulham)	4	7.50
Kevin Keegan (Newcastle)	4	7.50
Steve Cross (Shrewsbury)	4	7.50
Jackie Ashurst (Carlisle)	4	7.50

*Paul Futcher has since joined Derby.

DIVISION THREE

Mark Lillis (Huddersfield)	5	7.80
Gary Bennett (Cardiff)	5	7.60
Dave Windridge (Ch'terfield)	5	7.60
George Shipley (Lincoln)	5	7.60
Glenn Cockerill (Lincoln)	5	7.40
Lawrie Madden (Millwall)	5	7.40
Phil Dwyer (Cardiff)	5	7.40
Jeff Hemmerman (Cardiff)	5	7.40

DIVISION FOUR

Steve Fox (Port Vale)	6	8.00
Mick Gynn (Peterborough)	5	7.40
Dave Thompson (Rochdale)	5	7.40
Tony Cliss (Crewe)	6	7.33
Garreth Roberts (Hull)	6	7.33
Tony McFadden (Darlington)	6	7.33

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Willie Miller (Aberdeen)	5	7.80
Cammy Fraser (Dundee)	5	7.66
John MacDonald (Rangers)	3	7.33
Hugh Sproat (Motherwell)	3	7.33

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WHO and WHERE

Imagine you are a football reporter and that your editor wants you to attend five FA Cup second replays on neutral grounds in one week.

But the only information you have is the day, the ground, and the nicknames of the two teams. From the facts below tell us who is playing and where.

Monday — Dean Court: The Pilgrims v The Grecians.

Tuesday — Prenton Park: Bluebirds v Cumbrians.

Wednesday — Layer Road: The Shrimpers v The Posh.

Thursday — Manor Ground: Gulls v The Dons.

Friday — Spotland: Valiants v The Merry Millers.

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The golden boy of Scottish football, who's already hit the net more than 30 times this season, would walk it south of the border.

Defenders don't clutter you from behind as soon as you get the ball like they do up here. They back off and give you a little more space. Charlie would relish that extra time on the ball.

Every time I've come up against English clubs I've found it easier to play. I'm sure it would be the same for him.

Charlie is enjoying a tremendous season. He's done fantastic when you consider he spent most of last season in plaster with a broken leg.

The lad is different class in the box. He's so cool under pressure and the nearest I've seen to the great Jimmy Greaves.

He reminds me of Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish in the way he shields the ball and his ability to make goals out of nothing is just like that of the Scotland star.

There has been speculation that Charlie could be leaving Celtic at the end of the season when his contract expires. From a personal point of view I'd love to see the back of him! It would be one less thorn in Aberdeen's side.

But I think it is too early for him to move just yet. He's only 21 and has plenty of time ahead of him.

I'd like to see him sign a two year contract at Parkhead so that he can complete his apprenticeship. Another couple of years in Scottish football would

harden him up.

I'm sure that manager Billy McNeill has the persuasive powers to tempt him to stay.

Aberdeen will be up against Charlie and the rest of his Celtic team-mates when we meet at Parkhead on Saturday in a top of the table clash.

Our defensive duo of Willie Miller and Alex McLeish have done a good job in keeping Charlie quiet in our two previous meetings and I'm sure they'll do the same again.

I'm hoping to be fit for the battle with Celtic. I've missed a few games with a pulled hamstring.

I picked up the injury in the second half of our game against Rangers. I'd just beaten full-back Ally Dawson and was preparing to take on Ian Redford when I felt something 'go' in the back of my leg.

The injury kept me out of our Cup game against Hibernian at Easter Road and if the team continues to play as well as it did that day, I'm going to be hard pushed to get back into the side.

The lads beat Hibs 4-1 and were always in total control. They looked a different class to the Edinburgh side.

The win earned Aberdeen a Fourth Round tie with Dundee and we're more than happy to draw another Premier Division team. It's good for the club financially and good for the supporters.

Dundee left it late against little Brora Rangers in the previous round. They hit the winner with just 30 seconds to go.

But there were no big shocks on Cup day in Scotland although mighty Rangers took their time before finally disposing of First

THE GORDON STRACHAN COLUMN

The Aberdeen ace tells why Scotland's goal king Charlie Nicholas would reign supreme in England. Plus he tells of the transfer speculation linking his own future with Bayern Munich...



CHARLIE

A FUTURE KING OF ENGLAND?

Division Falkirk.

And it took an own goal from Alan Oliver to give Rangers the lead. It was ironic that Alan should score the goal because I remember him when I was at Dundee and he was an ardent Rangers fan.

I've never known such a fanatical Rangers supporter so it makes me wonder whether Alan joined in the Rangers celebrations when he put them ahead!

Despite that win there's still immense pressure on the club and their manager John Greig. People are talking in terms of his job being on the line.

It's incredible the amount of stick he's had to take lately. He says that it's even affecting his wife and family.

One of the major problems this season has been in defence since they lost Craig Paterson through injury. Before he was sidelined Craig and skipper John McClelland had a very good partnership going.

It looks likely that Rangers will buy in a bid to get themselves out of trouble. In that respect they are lucky because they are one of the few clubs around who can afford to.

The big news in Aberdeen surrounded reports that West German giants Bayern Munich want to sign me!

Their manager Uli Hoeness has said in the papers that he wants me as a replacement for West German international Paul Breitner. I don't believe a word of it!

I think it's all a bit of propaganda before we play them next month in the UEFA Cup Quarter-Finals. It's his attempt to unsettle our players.

It would take more than £1m to even tempt Aberdeen and I can't see a German club parting with that kind of money. The most they've paid in the past is £600,000 and that was to Nottingham Forest for Tony Woodcock.

It just wouldn't make sense for Bayern to come in now and pay a lot of cash when they could have me for a fraction of the price when

my contract expires at the end of next season.

The way the manager has gone about the whole business is so untypical of the Germans. If they had really wanted me they wouldn't have gone around telling the whole world about it. The Germans prefer a softly, softly approach.

Needless to say, I've been taking some light-hearted stick from my team-mates at Aberdeen. They insist on calling me Herr Strachan now!

● Gordon Strachan was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



Charlie Nicholas — he would walk it south of the border.

GAYLE WARNING

NEW Birmingham signing Howard Gayle breezed into Anfield for his debut against his old club Liverpool...and straight into the home team dressing room!

"I just didn't think," confesses the 24-year-old: "Having been with Liverpool since I left school it was pure habit."

"Even when I was on the pitch I kept thinking that I should be passing the ball to a red shirt. It was really strange."

Howard moved to St Andrews for £75,000 after losing a four and a half year battle to establish himself at Anfield. He says: "Not getting a regular first team place at Liverpool is the biggest disappointment of my career so far."

"I was born in Liverpool and supported the club from the terraces as a kid. It was my dream to play for them."

"In the end I had to make the difficult decision to leave for the sake of my career. I just couldn't see a future for me there."

'I'll prove I'm not just a Liverpool failure'

Howard, who made just four League appearances for the club, thought he might get his chance after helping Liverpool reach the 1981 European Cup Final.

He says: "I came on as substitute for Kenny Dalglish and played well as we drew 1-1 with Bayern Munich in the Semi-Final second leg to go through on the away goals rule."

"I half expected the breakthrough to come then, but as it turned out, my career seemed to go backwards after that."

"It was very frustrating for me. Being a local lad and costing the club nothing I had to take a back seat, while new players who came to the club were given a chance ahead of me."

"I can see the reasoning behind it. If the manager splashes out money on a player he's got to justify the outlay."

"I'm not bitter that I didn't make it at Anfield. I learned a lot there and the coaching staff were great. They never turned their back on me, even though I was in the reserves."

"I wish the club all the best. Their result will always be the first one I'll look for after a game."



Howard has no doubt that his old club will lift the League title again this year. He says: "Whatever lead they have at the moment will be even bigger at the end of the season."

"The League Championship is the main domestic trophy, but I know that the players really want to lift the FA Cup for manager Bob Paisley. It's their last chance to do it and now Birmingham are out of the competition, I hope they win it."

Howard admits that the move to bottom of the First Division Birmingham came as a complete surprise. He explains: "I'd just spent two months on loan at Newcastle and was hoping to join them."

"But Ron Saunders came in with the money. He told me he hadn't bought me just to help Birmingham escape relegation. He said he was building for the future and could bring the best out of me."

"I was very impressed by him — not least because he's a fellow scouser! Although he's got a reputation for being a hard man he seems very sincere and fair."

"Birmingham are stranded at the foot of the First Division but there's no sign of panic among the players. The possibility of relegation just isn't discussed."

"Before our disappointing FA Cup exit at the hands of Second Division Crystal Palace, we'd played Liverpool and Manchester United and been unlucky to lose both games."

"Luck goes against you when you're in our position, but I'm sure that it will change."

"If we can string a few results together the confidence will begin to flow again and we'll rise up the First Division."

"On a personal note I've got a lot to prove at Birmingham. I want to establish myself as a regular First Division player."

"When players leave Liverpool they tend to fall by the wayside and no-one hears of them again. I don't want that to happen to me."

Howard admits that when he joined Newcastle he found it difficult to adapt to regular first team football. He says: "It takes some getting used to after playing for so long in the reserves."

"After a bright start I struggled to get my game together at Newcastle. Perhaps it was my own fault — my attitude may not have been right."

"Manager Arthur Cox wanted me to play alongside Kevin Keegan in the Newcastle attack but that plan was destroyed by various injuries. Newcastle have been plagued by them this season."

"I would have liked to have joined Newcastle. The potential at the club is tremendous."

"The arrival of Kevin and my old Liverpool team-mate Terry McDermott has really fired the imagination of the public. Kevin's appearances guarantee an extra 10,000 on the gate."

"The fans really get behind you at St James' Park. They can literally drag you back into a game."

Left: Howard Gayle in action for Liverpool: "Not making the grade at Anfield is the biggest disappointment of my career."

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LINCOLN has always been more famous for its majestic cathedral than its football team.

But now the 'Red Imps' are hoping to change all that, by winning promotion with a squad of players hardly big enough to make up a choir.

And everyone in the city will be singing the praises of the players if they succeed in bringing Second Division football back to Sincil Bank for the first time in over 30 years.

Promotion this season would represent a remarkable achievement for manager Colin Murphy and his side — currently riding high at the top of Division Three.

And to do it with just 14 professionals on the books — including two goalkeepers — would be even more incredible.

The former Derby boss and his assistant,

Bidding for the big time! Spotlight on Lincoln City — the 'Imps' currently walking tall at the top of Division Three.

● Story by Dave Smith

● Pictures by Philip Bagnall.

John Pickering, are quietly confident that promotion is there for the taking.

But Colin lives with the constant fear that a batch of injuries or suspensions could decimate his squad and destroy the 'Imps' glory bid.

"If I lose two or three of my best players I just don't have adequate back-up to maintain a serious challenge," he says. "And unlike other Third Division clubs fighting for promotion, such as Portsmouth, I don't have the money to delve into the transfer market for replacements."

Already this season Colin has had to overcome several hiccups when his skeleton squad has been depleted still further.

He explains: "For the game against Newport I was in the ludicrous situation of having to play my reserve goalkeeper at centre-forward!

"And when we took the field against Huddersfield on December 28 we had two players carrying bad injuries from the previous day's game."

More problems were just around the corner. "For the last few matches we have either been a goal down or drawing and I have been unable to bring on an attacking substitute to go for the win.

"But there is great spirit at the club and everyone will keep battling away and hope that the rewards come along — at least I don't have to worry about team selection," he joked.

Colin has been at Sincil Bank for four years and he is now beginning to see the benefits of the rebuilding programme he undertook when he replaced Willie Bell.

"When I came here I found a lot of older players who had done their stint and I decided it was time for a clear-out.

"I brought in a lot of young players from non-League and reserve team football and knew it would take a little time to develop them.

"They did tremendously well and won promotion from the Fourth Division a year earlier than I anticipated — and they did better than I expected the following year."

But cut-backs at the club meant that top players had to be sold to keep Lincoln City afloat. Glenn Cockerill, who has since returned to City, Mick Harford and Tony Cunningham all left Sincil Bank.

"The squad was cut to the bone and it has left us with just 14 professional players," says Colin.

"Lincoln City are now at the crossroads and we could go either way. We have a

IMPS BID FOR



Lincoln are sitting pretty and that's good news for Glenn Cockerill (left), Steve Thompson and David Felgate.

Manager Colin Murphy — "We are at the crossroads and we could go either way."



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great opportunity to become a Second Division club, but if we are not very careful we could slide back down to Division Four.

"But there is tremendous spirit among the players and it will take a lot to break that down. Everyone will fight all the way and we have just got to keep our fingers crossed."

Lincoln came within a whisker of promotion last year and the players are eager to wipe out those bitter memories.

As striker Glenn Cockerill painfully recalls the 'Imps' were just one step away from glory and needed only to beat Fulham in the last game of the season to clinch it.

But despite a valiant effort in front of a packed Craven Cottage they could only manage a draw and were condemned to another season in the Third Division.

"It was heartbreaking," says Glenn. "To miss out at the last hurdle was so disappointing and there were more than a few tears in the dressing room afterwards."

"But that is all behind us now and the experience has served only to make us even more determined to succeed this year."

Glenn is now enjoying his second spell at the club after leaving for Swindon Town three years ago.

Lincoln could not refuse the £110,000 offer and Glenn was on his way. But as he explains it was a disappointing spell.

"Things didn't really work out for me," he says. "And when the new manager, John Trollope, came along it was obvious he didn't fancy me and I wanted to move."

"I was in the reserves for five or six months and so when Colin Murphy asked me to come back to Lincoln I was only too happy to do so."

And Glenn is even happier now that Lincoln are gunning for promotion. "We have done really well considering the number of players we have and I just hope our good run continues."

One man in the Lincoln side who is keener to win promotion than most is goalkeeper David Felgate.

David has been on the fringe of the Welsh side for some time and he believes playing in the Second Division would boost his international chances.

"I have been named in the Welsh squad for a number of games, but feel Mike England has forgotten about me recently," he says.

"I am disappointed that I haven't been given a chance yet, but hope that playing in a higher standard of football will put that

right."

With 21 games to go, Lincoln were top of the table a point clear of Cardiff with a game in hand and favourites to take the title.

But as centre-forward Steve Thompson explain the 'Imps' are entering the crucial stage of the season.

"It's the time of the season that suspensions come up and players start to feel injuries and with such a small squad it's going to be very difficult," says Steve, who himself starts a two-match ban this week.

"And from now on the games we play are going to become tougher — even against the lower placed teams, who will be fighting hard to avoid relegation."

"But we could not be in a better position and so we have to be confident of going up. Our home form has been superb — I don't think the Lincoln fans have seen a bad game all season."

"Although our away form has not been so good, if we can keep picking up the odd point and maintain our form at home we're in with a chance... I don't mind whether we go up as champions or in third place, as long as we go up."

THE BIG TIME

LINCOLN'S LEAGUE RECORD OVER PAST TEN SEASONS

Season	Division	Position
1972-73	Four	10th
1973-74	Four	12th
1974-75	Four	5th
1975-76	Four	1st
1976-77	Three	9th
1977-78	Three	16th
1978-79	Three	24th
1979-80	Four	7th
1980-81	Four	2nd
1981-82	Three	4th

LINCOLN FACTS

LEAGUE RECORD: 1892 — Original member of Division Two; Remained in Division Two until 1920 when they failed re-election but also missed seasons 1908-09 and 1911-12 when not re-elected; 1921-32, Division Three (North); 1932-34, Division Two; 1934-48, Division Three (North); 1948-49, Division Two; 1949-52, Division Three (North); 1952-61, Division Two; 1961-62, Division Three; 1962-76, Division Four; 1976-79, Division Three; 1978-81, Division Four; 1982 — Division Three.

HONOURS

Division Three (North) Champions 1931-32, 1947-48, 1951-52; runners-up 1927-28, 1930-31, 1936-37.
Division Four Champions 1975-76; runners-up, 1980-81.
Highest ever place in League: 5th in Division Two, 1901-2.

Cricketer Phil hopes it will soon be 'over'!

FULL-BACK Phil Neale is hoping that Lincoln can clinch promotion with a few matches to spare.

Phil — one of the country's few footballing cricketers — is committed to leaving Sincil Bank before the end of the season to team up with the Worcestershire side.

"I would love to see the season out with Lincoln, but I'm now captain of Worcester and duty bound to be there at the start of the new term," says the 28-year-old.

"That will mean missing the last few matches and it would be nice to have gained promotion before I leave."

Phil has learned to live with the problem of the two seasons overlapping and his two clubs have managed to reach agreements in the past to help him.

Last year the 'Imps' were in the hunt for promotion right up to the final game and manager Colin Murphy was desperate to retain the services of his defender until the end of the season.

"Worcester were very good and agreed to let me stay on for the last few matches," says Phil. "Unfortunately we missed out on promotion by one point, but we hope to put that right this season."

Phil is a member of an elite group of sportsmen who have made a success of careers in both first class football and cricket.

And for that he will have a permanent place in the history books alongside such names as Denis Compton and Willie

Watson, and more recently Jim Cumbes, Ted Hemsley and Chris Balderstone.

As a youngster Phil saw his future in cricket. "But I was stuck for something to do during the winter so I decided to take up football as well," says Phil, who joined Lincoln in 1975.

"People have said to me in the past that if I had not taken up football I could have been more successful at cricket."

"And similarly I could perhaps have made more progress in my footballing career had I given up cricket. But I get great enjoyment from both sports and have no regrets."

Several years ago a number of top First Division clubs showed interest in the talented player, but were deterred from signing him because of his involvement with cricket.

"Rumours were rife that teams like Derby and Spurs wanted to sign me, but nothing concrete came of it," recalls Phil.

"I suppose I could have been playing in the First Division now, but I wasn't prepared to sacrifice my cricket career, which I saw as my long term future."

"But now with Lincoln doing so well in the Third Division I may have the chance of playing at a higher level after all."

As captain of Worcester Phil could well be on the verge of England selection and should that happen he may well have to consider quitting professional football.

"If I was picked for England to go on a winter tour I would find it very difficult to turn it down."



That's one way of keeping the ball out of the net! Phil Neale shows good style with the bat too — he's captain of Worcester.

West Ham

Back row:
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Tom McAlister
Billy Bonds
Phil Parkes
Alvin Martin
Sandy Clark

Middle row:
George Cowie
Frank Lampard
Nicky Morgan
Ray Stewart
Alan Devonshire
Pat Holland
Neil Orr

Front row:
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TERRACE TALK

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Write to: Michael Weavers, 'Terrace Talk' Editor, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

AS a Bristol Rovers fan, I was horrified to read Mick Channon's comments in 'Match'.

Three months ago, on his arrival at Rovers, Mick said that the side had several class players and were good enough for the Second Division.

Now that he has joined Norwich, he is saying that no-one could fit into Rovers' set-up. Well, Mick, you have to produce the goods before you can play in a promotion-chasing side and the former England star just wasn't doing it.

He rarely got involved in the game on his odd appearances for Rovers and his shooting was inaccurate.

Mick Channon must face up to the truth — he's past it. *Clive Petry, Stockwood, Bristol.* **SINCE his arrival at Norwich, Mick Channon has proved an inspiration. A side that looked 'certs' for the drop into Division Two are now making a scrap of it. I wouldn't write Mick Channon off just yet . . .**

ONCE again, soccer thuggery strikes and the mindless actions of a few spoil the enjoyment of the majority. But there are lessons to be learned.

Referees can provoke trouble with dubious decisions and should take more time with their decisions to defuse potentially explosive situations.

As most regular supporters will confirm, a lot of serious crowd trouble stems from the grandstands and not from the terraces, as once was the case. Why not make the stands

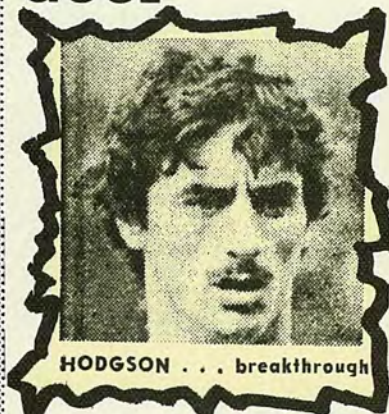
all-ticket, therefore giving the police an easier job in controlling the travelling support, and confining most of it to the terracing?

Although crowd trouble should be reported, should it be sensationalised by the media in the way that it is? The mindless morons that smash up grounds must revel in the publicity.

These are a few points, which I know will not stop hooliganism, but which might provoke positive action by the clubs, authorities and media.

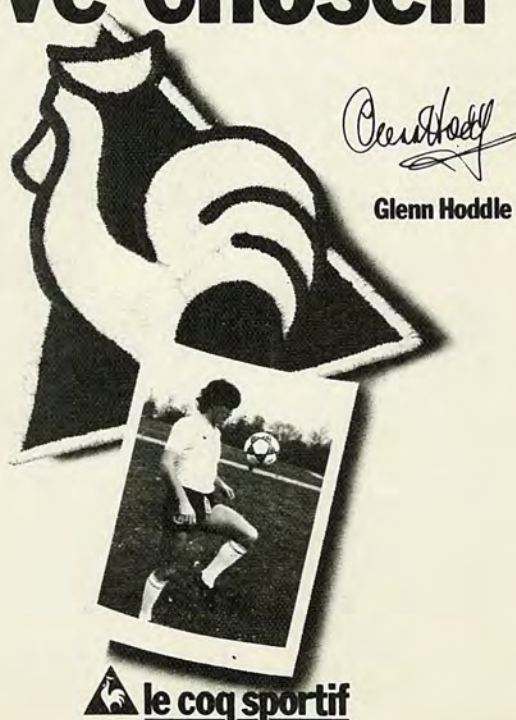
Cliff Waters, Peterborough, Cambs.

GOLDEN GOOF



"It certainly is a breakthrough when David Hodgson manages to look like Liverpool scoring ace Ian Rush . . ." says Nick Parry, of Devizes, Wiltshire, who spotted this Golden Goof.

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THE TV companies are about to negotiate with the various football authorities about soccer coverage on television. The most likely outcome is a reduction in televised games.

I would like to point out that people in Devon and Cornwall have to travel a long way to see First Division football.

There are, sometimes, coach trips to these games. But the fare, along with the admission fees, make this an expensive way to watch soccer.

TV is the only way we can keep up-to-date with First Division action, so for our sake in the South-West, please don't reduce the amount of TV soccer.

Warwick Bailey, Barnstaple, North Devon.

I AM a true Leeds United supporter and I travel to most games, home and away.

I feel I must object to the statement made by the Derby chairman that: "Leeds United supporters are a disgrace to humanity" following the violence at the Baseball Ground recently.

Derby County themselves must shoulder some of the blame for the trouble. Leeds supporters were in seated areas that were also occupied by Derby fans. Two turnstiles were in use for the thousands of Leeds fans and many did not get into the ground until half-way through the first half.

We also had to pay £2.50 to watch the match through railings from a terrible viewing angle. And to cap it all, Leeds were robbed of three points by diabolical refereeing decisions.

Stuart Cleary, Blackpool, Lancs.
• IT'S always the same after every outburst of violence by Leeds fans. They claim they were provoked by rival fans/the ref/poor facilities or anything to turn the blame from where it belongs, squarely on the shoulders of the element of Leeds United support who take joy from destroying soccer and the club they allegedly support.

ISN'T it great to see Osvaldo Ardiles back in England again?

His silky skills and creative style of play has definitely been missed not only by his club, Spurs, but by soccer in general this season.

One characteristic of Ossie's play that Tottenham have lacked during his short spell in French football is his priceless ability to bring out the best from the players around him. This alone can change a club's fortunes.

Welcome back, Ossie.
 Mark Hayes (14), Mill Hill, London.

I HONESTLY hope that runaway First Division leaders Liverpool do not win the League title.

The Merseyside giants may be the best team in Europe but I'm sick of the way the media raves over them. And the bookmakers are so frightened, that they've stopped betting on the League race.

The rest of the 21 clubs in the First Division must realise that there is still a long way to go. With three points for a win, anything can happen.



KNOCK IT OFF!

IF the critics weren't so busy knocking soccer, they would realise that this season has, so far, been very successful.

England sit proudly at the top of their European Championship qualifying group — after slamming nine goals against one of their rivals — two English clubs bid to make it seven successive victories in the European Cup for British teams, and League matches have been full of excitement and goals.

Of course, British football has its problems. Hooliganism and the financial crisis still give cause for concern. But, on the playing side, football could not be in a healthier state.
 Jonathan Cooper (14), Stanmore, Middlesex.

Liverpool are not unbeatable — as Norwich proved — so any team that puts its mind to it can beat Liverpool. So come on, give the 'Reds' a run for their money.
 Adam Gold, Northwood, Middlesex.



Shaw — hasn't produced the goods in front of goal, says Robert Andrews.

I DISAGREE with Aston Villa manager Tony Barton's decision to drop winger Mark Walters for the Super Cup first leg tie with Barcelona in Spain.

It seems that the only time Mark gets into the action is when Gary Shaw is injured. As soon as Shaw recovers, he's back in the team at the expense of Mark.

I've been to every Villa game this season, home and away, and Gary Shaw just hasn't produced the goods in front of goal.

On the rare occasions that Mark Walters has made the first team, he has been sensational. He makes great runs and puts over telling crosses. He is also a better finisher than Shaw. He scored a cracker in the FA Cup

tie at Northampton.

So my advice to Tony Barton is to pick Walters in preference to Shaw if you want to challenge for a place in Europe.

Robert Andrews (16), Erdington, Birmingham.

● WHY not play both of them?

I AGREE with 'Match' that the Football League fixtures preceding an important international should be called off.

England manager Bobby Robson must be allowed to field his best eleven. So many players cry off with injuries sustained in the previous Saturday's League encounters, that the England chief has a difficult job in fielding a side capable of beating Continental opposition.

It may not be worth calling off Saturday games if the Wednesday international is just a friendly, but for European Championship and World Cup qualifiers it's vital that Robson has a full, fit squad to choose from.

Karl Holland, Carshalton, Surrey.

ALONG with many other Tottenham fans, I would like to offer my congratulations to Glenn Hoddle and his wife Anne on the birth of their daughter, Zoe.

I wish them every happiness, although I would like to say, I hope they have a boy next time so that he can follow in the footsteps of his dad and play for Tottenham and England!
 Andrea Spencer, Keighley, Yorkshire.

IT was very interesting to read in 'Match' that Steve Coppell put the rise in attendances over the Christmas holiday down to the lack of TV soccer over this period.

Steve thinks there should be less soccer on television and I think the Christmas crowds support that view.

It might be worth an experiment — a month without any football on the telly — to see if attendances show any improvement over a longer period.

Robert Highfield, West Bromwich, West Midlands.

UNLESS the FA imposes a ban on the sale of British players to Continental clubs, the English

First Division will soon cease to be the best in the world.

With the exception of Arnold Muhren and Ossie Ardiles, the foreign players imported by the League are simply not good enough to replace the likes of Trevor Francis, Liam Brady and Peter Barnes, who have sought their fortunes abroad.

Furthermore, the flood of mediocre imported footballers is also jeopardising the future of bright young players, who find their first team chances limited.
 Omobolaji Babafemi, Ibadan, Nigeria.



I WAS lucky enough to meet my favourite footballer, Portsmouth goalkeeper Alan Knight (above).

He visited my home and I took this photograph of Alan reading his favourite soccer magazine, 'Match Weekly'. As you can see by his expression, he's not too happy with his rating in Match Facts!

Through 'Terrace Talk', I would like to wish Alan good luck in Pompey's promotion drive to Division Two this season, and point out to Bobby Robson that if he's looking for goalkeeping cover for Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence, then it may be worth his while casting his eye over Alan...

Amanda Mock (14), Portsmouth, Hants.



Paul Dyson — commanding in the Coventry defence, says David Smith.

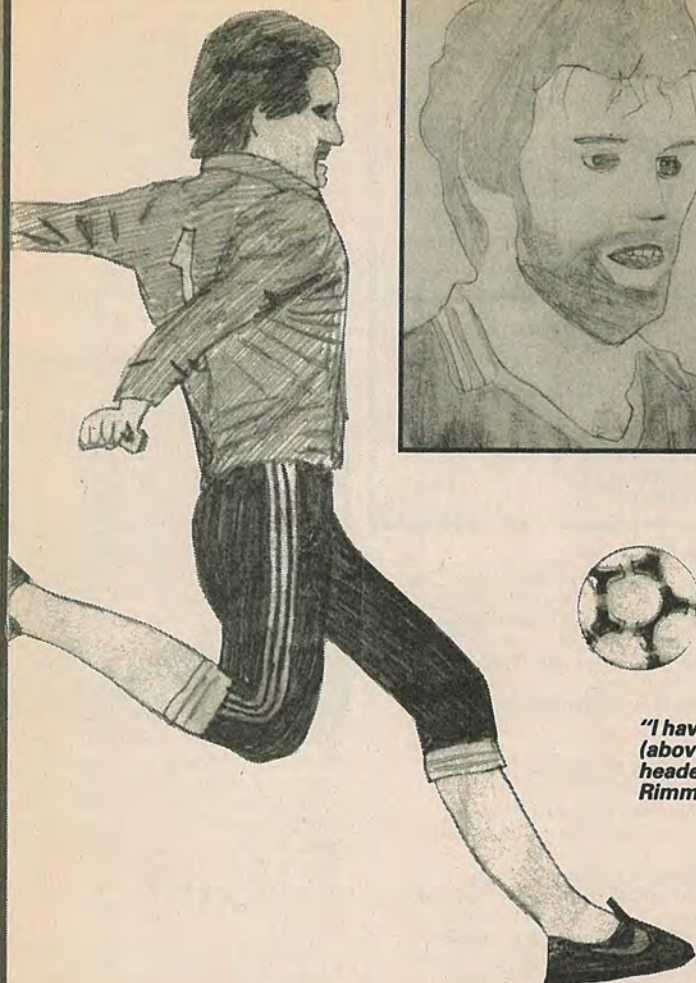
DAVE Sexton must be congratulated on his efforts in making Coventry City so successful.

With very little cash available, Sexton has introduced some fine young players and they have responded by putting the 'Sky Blues' within striking range of a place in Europe.

Danny Thomas is a super young player, well worth his place in the England set-up. Paul Dyson is such a commanding figure and Gerry Francis has proved an absolute bargain.

Sexton's efforts deserve some reward. He has assembled a Coventry side that can compete with the best now, and in the future.

David Smith (13), Styvechale, Coventry.



England and Spurs goalkeeper Ray Clemence (below) is the subject of Christianne Parsons, of Warley in the West Midlands.



Mark Hutchings of Bortholt, Middlesex, has drawn Arsenal's David O'Leary (above) because "he is a model professional and an excellent captain."

"I have drawn Aston Villa striker Peter Withe (above left) because he is the most powerful header of the ball in the First Division," says Gary Rimmer, of Formby, Merseyside.

Queens Park Rangers' FA Cup Final hero Peter Hucker (left) has been drawn by Michael Grafton, of Walthamstow. "Peter is the best goalkeeper in the Second Division," says Michael.

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And the hero of the hour was Northern Ireland striker Billy Hamilton, whose second goal (Burnley's fourth) bulged the Spurs' net on the stroke of full-time.

"I was busy reminding the referee that time was up... little did I know I was going to score only a matter of seconds later," recalls Billy.

"Kevin Young played a great through ball and I just took it on and knocked it past Ray Clemence — that was the icing on the cake."

**SPURS 1 BURNLEY 4,
Milk Cup, Quarter-Final,
White Hart Lane,
Wednesday, January 19, 1983.**

A: Billy races on to a through ball by Kevin Young from the Burnley half.

B: Billy controls the ball with his knee.

C: As the ball comes down the Burnley star lashes it with his right foot to beat Spurs' England goalkeeper Ray Clemence.



Two goal hero Billy Hamilton (right) is congratulated by his Burnley team-mates Trevor Steven and Steve Taylor after scoring his second goal.

RIGHT: Brian Miller — he was relieved of his managerial duties just 24 hours before the Milk Cup tie.

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He gained a Russian degree at Hull University before joining Tottenham, but so far he has no reason to use it.

In fact, he can't even shout at his wife Julie in the language, because she also has a degree in Russian! They actually met on the university course.

However, 'Match Weekly' found a use for Tony's talent when a Russian programme was sent in for translation by Bury St Edmunds reader Brian Cashen.

Tony scratched his head for a moment, and then ripped through the four-page programme as if he was reading 'Match'.

The programme is the 1981 Russian Cup Final between Moscow Spartak, the side who knocked Arsenal out of this season's UEFA Cup, and Rostov-on-Don, who actually won the match.

The match, played in the massive Lenin Stadium in Moscow, was the equivalent to our Wembley showdown, but there was a stark contrast in the programme.

The Russian programme, which cost the equivalent of a few pence, was simply a four-page publication, crammed with facts, but without any pictures.

According to Tony's translation, both teams played three games to reach the Final, with Spartak actually winning one tie on penalties.

In such a vast country, it appears that the Russians don't concern themselves with replays.

If extra time fails to decide a cup tie — even the Final — there's a penalty shoot-out.

The Spartak side that May day included World Cup star Rinat Dasaev, one of the best goalkeepers in Spain last year.

According to York programme dealer John Wilson, the programme is worth around £2.

Why did Tony Galvin specialise in Russian?

"I did Russian at school in Yorkshire as a second language and I enjoyed it so much that I decided to carry on with it at university," says the 26-year-old.

"My original intention was to take up teaching, but then Tottenham came in with professional terms after I had completed a physical education teaching course at Nottingham.

"I don't know at this stage what use Russian will be to me when I finish football."

Apart from being qualified to teach Russian, physical education and French to 'O' level standard, Tony has also used his spare time to achieve a coaching badge and undertake a course on leisure centre management.

So you can now see why Tony often gets his full-backs tied up in knots!

Footnote: Lincoln full-back Phil Neale also has a degree in Russian and was at school with Tony Galvin's wife!



Spurs striker Tony Galvin scratches his head as he translates the Russian programme sent to 'Match' by reader Brian Cashen.

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We looked at their programme for the home clash with Manchester United, and found it colourfully packaged with plenty of reading material.

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There was a relaxed atmosphere in the dressing rooms, but it was deadly serious once the action got under way with players all keyed up to win.

It was a well presented affair in a kind of American style and it was more enthralling and appealing than the traditional Wembley five-a-side tournament.

There was some concern about the artificial surface. We have this kind of pitch in our gymnasium and the traction generated between the surface and the training shoes can cause ankle and knee problems.

But we found the surface rather spongy although we had our ankles strapped in case of problems.

It's doubtful whether that kind of surface could be used on a large scale outdoors because I understand that it could become rather slippery when wet.

I thought the goals might have been a little wider, but apart

'SIXES' A HIT

THE PAUL MARINER COLUMN

The Ipswich skipper gives the thumbs up to English soccer's first six-a-side spectacular and brings you more behind the scenes news from Portman Road.



from that small criticism, it was a great competition.

The 'sin bin' idea went down well, although I thought a two minutes penalty was rather too long in a 15 minute match.

The introduction of a 'sin bin' has been talked about for League matches with players dispatched there for bookable offences.

But I think the danger there, is that teams down to ten men would become rather negative until the penalised player returned.

The players would probably appreciate a 'sin bin'. It would save them money and suspensions if bookings were reduced, but I'm not certain whether it would be good as a spectacle.

Of course the clubs that took part in the six-a-side ran the risk of having players injured before crucial FA Cup ties.

And we were one of those who suffered, with England international Eric Gates breaking a toe which keeps him out of one of our most crucial periods of the season. We've got League clashes against Manchester United and Liverpool in successive weeks and of course the vital Cup tie.

There is no question that we missed the skills of Eric in our Fourth Round victory over Grimsby.

He is vital in our forward machinery, slipping in just behind myself and Alan Brazil in a 4-3-3 system.

For the tie with Grimsby we used a wide player in Kevin O'Callaghan and it took a while for us to settle to the new style.

Consequently, we didn't play well although we just did enough to overcome a Grimsby side that looked compact and impressive in stages.

It was a disaster that my former striking partner Trevor Whymark was carried off with a knee injury just four minutes after the start.

He tried hard to hide his disappointment when we dined together after the match, but I knew he was shattered, particularly after such a great ovation from the fans.

Apart from the absence of Eric, we have been without full-back George Burley since the beginning of December.

He recently underwent a knee operation, but I doubt whether he'll make it back for the Cup tie which is a bitter blow.

Although central defender Kevin Steggle has done sterling work at right-back, we have missed George's probing runs down the right and his accurate service.

Having already lost international players in Arnold Muhren and Mick Mills this season, to suffer the loss of players of the calibre of Eric Gates and George Burley comes as a massive blow to a club with a small first team squad.

Apart from the injury situation, the Alan Brazil affair has also been an unsettling factor for everyone at the club.

I think the on-off transfer situation is beginning to have some effect on the players, notably on Alan.

And Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson has not helped the situation by claiming that he would probably buy Alan at the end of the season.

I think the time is right for Alan to come out in the open and say whether he definitely wants to leave or stay.

We are facing a big month, especially with our FA Cup tie away to East Anglian rivals Norwich, and we want every player in the team really buzzing and free from other pressures.

We will certainly be gunning for revenge at Norwich following our 3-2 home defeat by them over the Christmas period when we were going through a poor spell.

There should be a great atmosphere at Carrow Road and no shortage of excitement if that Christmas cracker is anything to go by.

But we are confident of reaching the Sixth Round even though we may need a replay to achieve it.

We will certainly have the best preparation for that Cup battle with a League visit to Liverpool this weekend.

We go there as one of the few teams who have beaten Liverpool this season, my deputy, Mich D'Avray heading the winner at Portman Road, but they did put us out of the Milk Cup for the second successive season.

They are by far the most superior side in this country and will walk away with the Championship.

There can't be a tougher place to go than Anfield because even when they may be having an off day, they still seem able to come out on top.

Our own pride and professionalism will be at stake at Anfield, and I think it's an indication of our inconsistency that we'll probably be more concerned about Liverpool than in previous seasons.

When we were playing well we didn't worry about any team in the country, home or away, but this season we are going through a sticky patch and we are not showing that same arrogance and confidence that has been a trademark of our game in the past few seasons.

● Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.



Eric Gates — out with a broken toe, at a crucial time of the season.

MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

Sunday, Jan. 30

FA Cup, Fourth Round

EVERTON (1) 2 (Sheedy 41, Heath 62)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Cross 67)
 Att: 35,188
 Everton: Arnold 6, Stevens 6, Bailey 7, Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 6, McMahon 6, ★HEATH 8, Sharp 7, King 7, Reid 6, Sheedy 7.
 Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 7, ★CROSS 8, Johnson 7, Bates 7, Pearson 5, Griffin 7, Potts 7, McLaren 7, Brown 6, McNally 6, Stevens 7.
 Referee: K. Barrett (Coventry)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

MILLWALL (3) 4 (Neal 26, Stride 42, Massey 43, Hayes 56)
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Cascarino 1)
 Att: 3,813
 Millwall: Gleasure 6, Marton 4, Stride 6, Madden 7, Allardyce 7, Roberts 7, ★HAYES 8, Neal 7 (sub. Shinton), Aylott 7, Massey 6, Chatterton 6.
 Gillingham: Hodge 4, Sitton 6 (sub. Grewwock 6), Adams 5, Bruce 6, Shaw 5, Johnson 6, Powell 7, ★HANDFORD 8, White 7, Lansdowne 7, Cascarino 6.
 Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH

Scottish Cup, Third Round

HAMILTON (0) 0
ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (Barron 7)
 Att: 2,619

Tuesday, Feb. 1

FA Cup, Fourth Round, Replay

FULHAM (0) 1 (Lewington 54)
WATFORD (1) 2 (Lohman 17, Barnes 85)
 Att: 22,206
 Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 7, Parker 7, O'Driscoll 8, Brown 8, Gale 7, Davies 7, ★WILSON 9, Coney 8, Houghton 8, Lewington 8.
 Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 7, Roston 7, Taylor 7, Sims 8, ★BOLTON 9, Callaghan 8, Blissett 7, Barnes 7, Jackett 7, Lohman 7.
 Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Three

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 2 (Morgan 87, Spackman 89)
OXFORD (0) 0
 Att: 3,776
 Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 6, Sulley 6, ★SPACKMAN 8, Brignull 7, Golac 6, Neighbour 6, Madden 6 (sub. Lee 6), Morgan 7, Funnell 6, Dawtry 6.
 Oxford: Butcher 6, Fogg 6, Grant 7, Train 6, Biggins 7, Shotton 6, Jones 6, Donovan 6, ★VINTER 8, Brock 6, Smithers 6.
 Referee: R. Milford (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★

CARDIFF (1) 3 (Bennett, G 13, Bennett, D 68, Hemmerman 76)
MILLWALL (0) 0
 Att: 5,643
 Cardiff: Dibble 7, Bodin 7, ★MULLEN 9, Tong 8, Dwyer 7, Bennett, G 7 (sub. Jones 6), Bennett, D 6, Gibbins 7, Hatton 6, Hemmerman 7, Lewis 7.
 Millwall: Gleasure 7, Martin 6, Stride 7, Madden 6 (sub. Shinton 6), Allardyce 6, Roberts 6, ★HAYES 8, Neal 7, Aylott 6, Massey 7, Chatterton 6.
 Referee: M. J. Heath (Stoke)
 Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Windridge 31, Plummer, pen 54, Henderson 74)
NEWPORT (1) 1 (Tynan 11)
 Att: 1,645
 Chesterfield: Gregory 6, Bellamy 6, Partridge 6, Gooding 5 (sub. Ivey 6), Green 6, Pollard 5, Plummer 6, Windridge 7, Henderson 5, Kowalski 6, ★KENDAL 8.

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- 4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★★ Good value
- ★★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★★ Dull
- ★ A waste of money

Newport: Kendall 6, Jones 5, Relish 6, Elsey 6, Oakes 5, ★STROUD 7, Lowndes 5 (sub. Davies), Aldridge 5, Tynan 6, Vaughan 6, Boyle 5.
 Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
 Match Rating: ★★

PLYMOUTH (2) 3 (Williams, og 19, Bremner 39, McCartney, pen 55)
READING (0) 0
 Att: 3,544

Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 5, Harrison 5, Smith 7, Cooper 5, Hodges 6, Bremner 7, Sims 6, McCartney 6, ★ROGERS 8.
 Reading: Judge 5, Tutty 5, Richardson 6, ★BEAVON 8, Williams 5, White 6, Matthews 5 (sub. MacMahon 5), Stant 5, Price 6, Bason 7, Doherty 5.
 Referee: L. Burden (Corfe Mullen)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

HALIFAX (1) 2 (Ward 25, Staniforth 75)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
 Att: 1,927
 Halifax: ★SMELT 8, Nobbs 6, Wood 7, Goodman 7, Smith 7, Hendrie 6, Ward 7, Spooner 6, Kendall 6, Nuttall 6, Staniforth 7.

Northampton: Kendall 6, Tucker 6, Phillips 7, Gage 7, Burrows 6, ★COFFILL 8, Saunders 7 (sub. Denyer 6), Patching 7, Buchanan 7, Syrett 6, Massey 6.
 Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
 Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE v COLCHESTER — Match Postponed

Football League Trophy Semi-Final

CHESTER v LINCOLN — Match Postponed

Wednesday, Feb. 2

FA Cup, Fourth Round, Replay

LEEDS (0) 1 (Butterworth 119)
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Rix 120)
 After Extra Time
 Att: 24,410
 Leeds: Lukic 5, Aspin 7, Gray, E 7, Thomas 6, ★HART 8, Dickinson 7, Hird 6, Butterworth 7, Connor 7, Gray, F 7, Graham 6.
 Arsenal: Jennings 7, Hollins 6, Sansom 7, Robson 6, O'Leary 7, Nicholas 6, Talbot 6, Sunderland 6 (sub. Davis 6), Petrovic 7, Woodcock 6, ★Rix 8.
 Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (0) 2 (Bertschin 49, Roberts, og 98)
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Hateley 2)
 After Extra Time
 Att: 18,625
 Norwich: Woods 7, ★HAREIDE 9, Downs 6, Mendham 8, Walford 7, Watson 7, Barham 8, O'Neill 7 (sub. Haylock 7), Deehan 7, Bertschin 7, Van Wyk 6.
 Coventry: Sealey 6, Thomas 7, Roberts 6, Butterworth 7, Dyson 7, ★GILLESPIE 8, Whitton 6, Jacobs 7, Hateley 7, Thompson 7, Hunt 6 (sub. Melrose 7).
 Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Thompson (Coventry)

Division Three

BRADFORD v SHEFFIELD UNITED — Match Postponed

SCOTTISH

Scottish Cup, Third Round Replays

HEARTS (1) 1 (O'Connor 16)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 6,000
 Sending Off: Johnston (Hearts)

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
PARTICK (0) 0
 After Extra Time
 Att: 4,350

MOTHERWELL (3) 3 (Harrow 10, McClair 17, Forbes 25)
CLYDE (1) 4 (Nevin 22, Dempsey 63, Evans 88, Flavell, og 100)
 After Extra Time
 Att: 4,656

Saturday, Feb. 5

Division One

ARSENAL (2) 3 (Rix 20, Meade 30, 48)
BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Robinson 45)
 Att: 17,972
 Arsenal: Jennings 7, Hollins 7, Sansom 6, Robson 6, O'Leary 7, Nicholas 6, Talbot 6, Meade 7, ★PETROVIC 8, Davis 5, Rix 7.
 Brighton: Digweed 7, Ramsey 6, Gattling 6, ★GREALISH 8, Foster 7, Stevens 6, Case 7, Ritchie 7, Robinson 7, Smith 6, Smillie 6 (sub. Ryan 6).
 Referee: D. W. Cival (Birmingham)
 Match Rating: ★★

BIRMINGHAM (1) 3 (Harford 35, Ferguson 57, Gayle 90)
WEST HAM (0) 0
 Att: 12,539
 Birmingham: Coton 7, Langan 8, Dennis 7, Stevenson 7, Blake 7, Broadhurst 8, Gayle 8, Ferguson 7, Harford 7, ★CURBISHLEY 9, Dillon 8.
 West Ham: Parkes 6, Lampard 5, Gallagher 5, Bonds 5, Martin 5, Devonshire 6, Van der Elst 4, ★GODDARD 7, Clark 4, Allen 4 (sub. Dickens 4), Cowie 5.
 Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)
 Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (2) 3 (King 10, Heath 45, Sheedy 90)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
 Att: 14,541
 Everton: Arnold 6, Stevens 7, Bailey 6, Ratcliffe 7, Higgins 7, Richardson 7, Heath 6 (sub. Johnson), Sharp 6, ★KING 8, Reid 6, Sheedy 7.
 Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 6, Worthington 6, Hunt 6, Kilcline 6, Richards 5, Chiedozie 5, Fashanu 5, McCulloch 6, ★GOODWIN 8, Mair 6.
 Referee: T. Jones (Macclesfield)
 Match Rating: ★★

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Wark 41)
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Stapleton 47)
 Att: 23,531
 Ipswich: Cooper 7, Putney 7 (sub. D'Avray), Gernon 7, Thijssen 7, ★OSMAN 8, Butcher 7, Wark 7, McCall 6, Mariner 7, Brazil 6, O'Callaghan 7.
 Man Utd: Bailey 7, Duxbury 7, Albiston 6, Moses 6, Moran 7, McQueen 7, Robson 7, Muhren 6, Stapleton 6, Whiteside 7, ★COPELL 8.
 Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
 Match Rating: ★★

LUTON (1) 1 (Stein 31)
LIVERPOOL (2) 3 (Rush 32, Kennedy 43, Souness 79)
 Att: 18,434
 Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Money 6 (sub. Antic 6), Horton 7, Goodyear 6, ★DONAGHY 8, Hill 7, Stein 7, Walsh 7, Turner 6, Moss 6.
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 7, Kennedy 8, Lawrenson 7, Johnston 7 (sub. Whelan 7), Hansen 8, Dalglish 7, Lee 7, Rush 8, Hodgson 7, ★SOUNESS 9.
 Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
 Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 2 (Tueart, pen 78, Cross 82)
TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Brooke, pen 68, Gibson 76)
 Att: 26,357
 Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 7, McDonald 6, Reid 6, Bond 6, Caton 6, Tueart 6, Reeves 5, Cross 5, ★HARTFORD 8, Bodak 5.
 Spurs: Clemence 6, Hughton 6, Lacy 5, Roberts 5, ★VILLA 8, Perryman 6, Ardiles (sub. Falco 6), Mabbutt 7, Gibson 7, Brooke 6, Crooks 6.
 Referee: B. Newsome (Broseley)
 Match Rating: ★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 (Wilson 34)
ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Withe 32, 60)
 Att: 16,352
 Nott'm Forest: Sutton 6, Swain 6, Todd 6, Young 6, Gunn 7, Proctor 6, Wilson 6, Bowyer 6, Walsh 6, Wallace 6, ★BIRTLES 8.

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Aston Villa: Spink 7, Williams 6, Evans 7, McNaught 6, Gibson 6, Blair 7, Bremner 6, Cowans 6, Morley 7, **WITHE** 9, Shaw 6.
Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 4 (Williams 35, Holmes 46, Wallace 51, Moran 73)
NORWICH (0) 0
Att: 17,244

Southampton: Shilton 7, Agboola 6, Mills 7 (sub. Cassells), **WILLIAMS** 8, Nicholl 7, Wright 7, Holmes 6, Puckett 6, Moran 6, Armstrong 6, Wallace 7.
Norwich: Woods 6, Haylock 5, Hareide 6, Mendham 6, Walford 5, Watson 6 (sub. Downs 6), Barham 5, Bertschin 7.
***DEEHAN** 8, Channon 6, Van Wyk 6.
Referee: M. J. Bodenham (Woodingdean)
Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Cummins 36, Rowell 58)

COVENTRY (0) 1 (Whitton 50)
Att: 14,356
Sunderland: Turner 7, Nicholl 8, Munro 8 (sub. Buckley), **WILLIAMS** 8, Nicholl 7, Pickering 6, Venison 7, Rowell 6, Worthington 6, James 8, Cummins 8.
Coventry: Sealey 8, Thomas 7, Roberts 7, Butterworth 7, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7.
***WHITTON** 9, Jacobs 6, Hateley 6 (sub. Melrose 6), Thompson 6, Hunt 7.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST BROM (0) 1 (Cross 50)
STOKE (1) 1 (Berry 6)
Att: 11,486
West Brom: Barron 6, **BENNETT** 8, Statham 7, Zondervan 7, Wile 6, Robertson 6, Jol 7, Brown 6, Cross 6, Owen 7, Eastoe 6.
Stoke: **FOX** 8, Parkin 6, Hampton 6, Bracewell 7, Watson 6 (sub. Bould), Berry 6, Painter 7, McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 6, Thomas 7, Griffiths 6.
Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BARNLEY (1) 2 (Banks 15, Parker 87)
WOLVES (1) 1 (Smith 12)
Att: 13,535
Barnley: Pierce 7, Joyce 6, Chambers 6, Glavin 7, Banks 7, McCarthy 7, Laws 6, Parker 7, **ROBINSON** 8, Moores 7, Barrowclough 7.
Wolves: **BURRIDGE** 8, Humphrey 6, Palmer 6, Smith 7, Pender 7, Dodd 7, Rudge 6, Clarke 6, Gray 6, Eves 7, Matthews 7.
Referee: N. Wilson (Morpeth)
Match Rating: ★★

BLACKBURN (2) 2 (Arnott 2, Miller 28)
GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Cumming 40)
Att: 4,724
Blackburn: O'Keefe 5, Branagan 5, Rathbone 5, Lowey 6, Mail 6, Keeley 5, Miller 5, Arnott 5, Bell 5, **GARNER** 7, Brotherston 5.

MATCH WINNERS

THE winners in our January 22 'Spot the Difference' competition for Merseywear running suits and pyjamas were:

Philips Ashcroft, Bexley, Kent; Warren Robertson, Aberdeen; Timothy Macrae, Wellington; Somerset and Shaun Frostick, Barnsley — they receive the running suits.

The winners of the pyjamas were: Chris Leach, Lichfield, Staffs; Leon Wilson, Littleover, Derbys; Philip Wright, Romford; Ronald Beasley, Newbury.

A SET of programmes go to the following winners in our January 22 'Programme Parade' competition: Graham Lamb, Whitefield, Manchester; D. Jukes, Telford, Shropshire; Russ Atkinson, Morecambe, Lancs; Stephen Daymon, Edmonton, London; Matthew Rhodes, Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Grimsby: Batch 6, Moore, D 6, Crombie 5, Waters 5, ***COOPER** 7, Moore, K 6, Ford 6, Cumming 5, Drinkell 6, Speight 5, Bonnyman 5.
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★

BOLTON (0) 0
FULHAM (0) 1 (O'Driscoll 72)
Att: 6,748
Bolton: ***McDONAGH** 8, Whitworth 6, Deakin 6, Henry 6, Jones 7, Doyle 6, Chandler 6, Whatmore 6, Foster 7, Hoggan 6, Thompson 6.
Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 6, Parker 7, O'Driscoll 6, Brown 8, Gale 8, ***DAVIES** 9, Wilson 6, Coney 6, Houghton 6, Lewington 6.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★

CARLISLE (0) 0
LEICESTER (1) 1 (MacDonald 32)
Att: 4,402
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 7, Haigh 6, Ashurst 7, Larkin 6 (sub. Rushbury 7), Craig 6, Stanforth 6, ***COUGHLIN** 8, Poskett 6, Bannion 7, Shoulder 7.
Leicester: ***WALLINGTON** 8, Ramsey 6, Smith 6, MacDonald 7, May 7, O'Neil 6, Lynex 7, Lineker 7, Smith, A 6, Daly 7, Wilson 7.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★

CHARLTON (0) 2 (Simonsen, pen 76, Hales 89)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Cartwright 65)
Att: 4,592
Charlton: Johns 7, Gritt 6, Aizlewood 6, McAllister 7, Elliott 6, Berry 7, ***SIMONSEN** 8, Harris 6, Hales 7, Bullivant 6 (sub. Smith 7), Robinson 7.
Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, Turner 7, ***FALLON** 8, O'Neill 6, Cartwright 7, Streete 6, Reilly 6, Mayo 6, Fisher 7.
Referee: K. Cooper (Pontypridd)
Match Rating: ★★

CHELSEA (1) 1 (Pates 31)
DERBY (2) 3 (Francis, og 2, Bumstead, og 29, Gemmill, pen 53)
Att: 8,661
Chelsea: Francis 6, Lee 5, Jones 5, Bumstead 6, ***PATES** 7, Chivers 6, Fillery 5, Robson 6, Speedie 5, Walker 6, Rhoades-Brown 5 (sub. Driver 6).
Derby: Cherry 7, Barton 6, Attley 6, Gemmill 7, Powell 7, Fletcher 7, Broly 6, Davison 7, Wilson 6, Swindlehurst 6, ***MILLS** 8.
Referee: I. J. Borrett (Suffolk)
Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS v SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY —
Match Postponed

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Baxter 5)
NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Keegan 44)
Att: 25,184
Middlesbrough: O'Hanlon 7, ***NATRASS** 8, Bolton 7, Beattie 7 (sub. Currie 5), Baxter 7, Wood 7, Otto 6, Sugrue 7, Hankin 5, Shearer 6, Bell 6.
Newcastle: Carr 7, Anderson 6, Saunders 6, Martin 7, ***CLARKE** 8, Carney 7, Keegan 7, MacDonald 6, Varadi 7, Wharton 7, Waddle 6.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★

QPR (0) 1 (Sealy 62)
OLDHAM (0) 0
Att: 8,903
QPR: Hucker 6, Neill 6, Dawes 6, ***WADDOCK** 8, Wicks 5, Fenwick 6, Micklewhite 7, Sealy 6, Allen 6, Flanagan 7, Gregory 7.
Oldham: Goram 6, Sinclair 5, Ryan 5, Keegan 6, Clements 7, ***HOOLICKIN** 8, Taylor 7, Atkinson 5, McDonough 6, Bowden 6, Palmer 7.
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (McBride 50)
BURNLEY (1) 1 (Taylor 45)
Att: 6,079
Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 6, Henson 6, Lodge 7, Hughes 6, Green 7, Townner 6, ***GOW** 8, Moore 7, Walker 6, McBride 7.
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 6, Donachie 7, Phelan 7, ***DOBSON** 8, Flynn 6, Scott 7, Steven 6, Hamilton 6, Taylor 7, Young 6 (sub. Cassidy).
Referee: D. H. Brazier (Northampton)
Match Rating: ★★

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Brown 18)
CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Hinshelwood, pen 10)
Att: 3,716

Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 6, Williams 6, Johnson 6, Petts 7, Pearson 7, Griffin 6, Cross 6, ***MACLAREN** 8, Brown 7, McNally 7, Stevens 6.
Crystal Palace: Fry 7, Gilbert 6, ***MURPHY** 8, Locke 6, Cannon 6, Hinshelwood 7, Edwards 6, Hughton 6, Jones 7, Langley 6, Hilaire 7.
Referee: R. A. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★

Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 2 (Platnauer 66, Ball 89)
PLYMOUTH (0) 0
Att: 6,556
Bristol Rovers: ***KITE** 8, Slatter 5, Williams, B 6, Holloway 6, Parkin 7, McCaffery 6, Ball 6, Williams, D 7, Platnauer 6, Randall 6, Barrett 6.
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, ***NISBET** 8, Uzzell 6, Harrison 7, Smith 6, Cooper 6, Hodges 7, Bremner 6, Sims 6 (sub. Phillips), McCartney 6, Rogers 7.
Referee: E. Scales (Herts)
Match Rating: ★★

EXETER (1) 4 (Viney 26, McEwan 55, Neville 69, Pratt 89)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Morgan 38, 52)
Att: 3,008
Exeter: Bond 7, Rogers, M 6, Davies 6, McEwan 7, Viney 7, Rogers, P 7, Harle 6, Delve 7, Gibson 6, ***NEVILLE** 8, Pratt 6.
Bournemouth: Leigh 6, Golac 7, Heffernan 7, Nightingale 6, Brignall 6, Sulley 5, Neighbour 7, ***SPACKMAN** 8, Madden 6, Morgan 7, Funnell 6 (sub. Lee 5).
Referee: J. Bray (Hinkley)
Match Rating: ★★

ORIENT (1) 1 (Peach 25)
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Neale 45)
Att: 2,583
Orient: Day 7, ***ROFFEY** 8, Peach 7, Foster 6, Cunningham 7, Cornwell 6, Osgood (sub. Mankelov 6), Godfrey 7, Houchen 6, Blackhall 6, Sussex 7.
Lincoln: Felgate 7, Simonite 7, Neale 6, Cockerill 6, Peake 7, Thompson 7, Burke 6, Turner 6, ***HOBSON** 8, White 7, Shipley 7.
Referee: A. Robinson (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★

OXFORD (0) 1 (Barnet, pen 86)
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Brown 9)
Att: 4,975
Oxford: Butcher 6, Fogg 6 (sub. Foley 7), Grant 6, Train 7, Briggs 6, Shotton 6, Jones 6, Donovan 6, ***VINTER** 8, Barnet 6, Smithers 6.
Huddersfield: ***COX** 8, Brown 7, Burke 6, Stanton 6, Sutton 6, Hanvey 7, Lillis 7, Doyle 6, Russell 6, Wilson 5, Cowling 5.
Referee: M. L. James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ★★

READING (0) 2 (Williams 52, Doherty 68)
DONCASTER (0) 0
Att: 1,852
Reading: Judge 6, Richardson 6, White 6, Beavon 6, Barnes 6, Nutton 6, Matthews 5 (sub. Tutty), Williams 6, Price 6, Bason 6, ***DOHERTY** 7.
Doncaster: Peacock 5, Russell 5, Snodin, G 5, ***SNODIN**, I 7, Humphries 5, Lister 5, Mell 5, Liddell 5 (sub. Allinson), Austin 6, Campbell 6, Robertson 5.
Referee: K. G. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 2 (Morris, pen 55, Young 76)
CARDIFF (0) 0
Att: 11,641
Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, Henderson 7, Garner 6, Brazil 5, West 6, ***HOUSTON** 8, Morris 7, Young 6, Edwards 6, Curran 7, Charles 5, Cardiff: Dibble 7, Jones 6 (sub. Maddy), Mullen 6, Tong 6, Dwyer 7, ***BENNETT**, G 8, Bennett, D 7, Gibbins 5, Hatton 5, Hemmerson 7, Bodin 6.
Referee: J. B. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Phillips 22)
BRADFORD (1) 1 (Black, pen 37)
Att: 2,858
Southend: Thomas 7, Stead 6 (sub. Nelson 6), Yates 6, Moody 6, Hadley 6, Cusack 7, Pountney 7, Phillips 7, Mercer 6, ***OTULAKOWSKI** 8, Greaves 5.
Bradford: Ramsbottom 7, Podd 7, Chapman 6, Lester 7, ***JACKSON** 8, Cherry 7, McCall 7, Gray 6, Campbell 5, McNiven 6, Black 6.
Referee: T. W. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★

WALSALL (0) 0
GILLINGHAM (0) 0
Att: 2,608
Walsall: ***GREEN** 8, Arthur 6, Mower 6, Beech 6, Sinnott 7, Hart 5, Shakespeare 5 (sub. Jones 7), Preece 6, Kearns 5, Buckley 5, O'Kelly 6.
Gillingham: Hodge 8, Sutton 7, Adams 8, Bruce 7, Shaw 7, Tydeman 8, Johnson 7, Hanford 7, White 8, Sage 7, ***CASCARINO** 9.
Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (1) 2 (O'Keefe 28, Lowe 72)
CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Henderson 6, Methven, og 16)
Att: 3,009
Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 6 (sub. Lowe 7), Glenn 6, Cribble 6, Walsh 6, Methven 7, Houghton 6, Barrow 6, Butler 7, ***O'KEEFE** 8, Weston 7.
Chesterfield: ***GREGORY** 8, Bellamy 6, Partridge 6, Henson 7, Green 6, Pollard 6, Plummer 7, Windridge 7, Henderson 6, Kowalski 6, Kendal 6.
Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Cribble (Wigan)

WREXHAM (2) 3 (Gregory 1, Buxton 24, Savage 78)
PRESTON (0) 1 (Bell 68)
Att: 1,930
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, King 7, Hill 6, Savage 7, ***DOWLING** 8, Keay 7, Arkwright 6, Buxton 7, Hunter 7, Steel 6, Gregory 7.
Preston: ***LITCHFIELD** 8, Westwell 6, McAteer 6, O'Riordan 7, Gowing 6, Buckley 6, Kelly 5 (sub. Farrell 6), Bruce 6, Elliott 6, Naughton 7, Bell 7.
Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Hetzke 73)
COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Adcock 48, Hull 62)
Att: 1,747
Blackpool: Hesford 6, ***BARDSLEY** 8, Pritchett 7, Deary 6 (sub. Noble 7), Hetzke 7, Greenall 6, Hockaday 6, Richardson 5, Stewart 6, Pashley 7, Downes 5.
Colchester: Walker 7, Packer 7, Ward 6, McDonough 7, Wignall 6, Coleman 6, Allinson 7, Osborne 6, Linford 7, ***ADCOCK** 8, Hull 7.
Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (3) 3 (Lewis, og 12, Edwards 20, Waller 21)
SWINDON (0) 0
Att: 2,536
Crewe: Smith 7, Brady 6, Bowers 7, Edwards 8, Scott 8, Hart 8, Haslegrave 7, Bancroft 7, Walter 8, Walker 7, ***CLISS** 9.
Swindon: Allan 7, Baverstock 6, Bailie 6, Emmanuel 7, Lewis 5, Graham 6, ***PRITCHARD** 8, Batty 6, Rideout 7, Rowland 6, Barnard 6.
Referee: K. S. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Evans 83)
BURY (0) 0
Att: 4,021
Halifax: Smelt 7, Nobbs 6, Woods 6, ***EVANS** 8, Smith 6, Hendrie 7, Ward 6, Spooner 7, Allatt 6, Nuttall 7, Stanforth 7.
Bury: Brown 7, ***GARDNER** 8, Davis 6, Gore 6, Bramhall 6, Halliday 6, Firth 7, Madden 6, Parker 6, Jakub 7, Potts 7 (sub. Johnson).
Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (3) 5 (Teasdale 9, Phillips 10, 31, 72, Price 82)
CHESTER (1) 2 (Bulmer 5, Williams 67)
Att: 1,961
Hereford: Rose 7, Price 7, Bray 7, Hicks 7, Pejic 7, Ross 7, Harvey 7, Bartley 8, ***PHILLIPS** 9, Teasdale 8, White 7.
Chester: Harrington 6, Williams 6, Wilson 5, Lane 6, Bradley 6, Johnson 6, Sloan 6, Thomas 5, ***LUDLAM** 7, Cooke 6, Bulmer 6 (sub. Allen 6).
Referee: L. F. Burden (Corfe Mullen)
Match Rating: ★★

HULL (0) 2 (Flounders 70, Mutrie 82)
ALDERSHOT (2) 2 (Banton 32, McDonald 36)
Att: 6,758
Hull: Norman 6, McNeil 5, Askew 7, Roberts, D 6, Skipper 5, Booth 6, Marwood 5, McClaren 7, Flounders 6, ***MUTRIE** 8, Roberts, G 7.

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Aldershot: Johnson 7, Shrubbs 5, Scott 7, Wooler 7, Andruszewski 6, Jopling 7, McDonald 5, Lucas 5, Sanford 5 (sub. Robinson 7). ***BANTON 8**, Brodie 6. **Referee:** D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood). **Match Rating:** ★★★

NORTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Patching 24, Burrows 28). **STOCKPORT (2) 3** (Rutter 16, Power 35, Phillips 69). **Att:** 1,982. **Northampton:** Kendall 5, Tucker 6, Phillips 5, Gage 6, Burrows 6, Coffill 6. ***PATCHING 8**, Buchanan 5, Saunders 6 (sub. Belfon 5), Massey 6, Syrett 6. **Stockport:** Lloyd 6, Rutter 7, Thorpe 6, Sword 7, Bowles 6, Emerson 6, Williams 6 (sub. Coyle), Phillips 6. ***POWER 9**, Wardrobe 8, Smith 6. **Referee:** D. Reeves (Uxbridge). **Match Rating:** ★★★

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Gynn 27, Cooke 48). **YORK (1) 2** (Hood 29, Pollard, pen 87). **Att:** 2,652. **Peterborough:** ***SEAMAN 8**, Winters 5, Collins 7, Gynn 6, Firm 6, Slack 5, Clarke 6, Rodaway 6, Cooke 7, Benjamin 6, Quow 5 (sub. Chard 7). **York:** Jones 6, Evans 6 (sub. Pollard), Hay 7, Sbragia 5, Smith 5. ***HOOD 8**, Ford 7, Crosby 6, Walwyn 6, Byrne 6, MacPhail 7. **Referee:** J. Martin (Alton). **Match Rating:** ★★

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Armstrong 44, Moss 60). **DARLINGTON (0) 1** (McFadden 90). **Att:** 4,110. **Port Vale:** Southall 7, Tarrt 6. ***BROMAGE 8**, Hunter 7, Sproson 7, Cegielski 7, Fox 7, Moss 7, Newton 6, Ridley 6, Armstrong 7. **Darlington:** ***CUFF 8**, Honour 6 (sub. Liddle 6), Wilson 6, Smith 7, Barton 7, Kamara 6, Gilbert 6, McLean 6, Todd 7, Walsh 7, McFadden 7. **Referee:** H. W. King (Merthyr Tydfil). **Match Rating:** ★★

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Thompson 25, Farrell 80). **MANSFIELD (1) 2** (Dungworth 25, Matthews 51). **Att:** 1,028. **Rochdale:** Pearce 6, Keenan 6, Snookes 7, Farrell 7, McElhinney 7, Williams 7. ***THOMPSON 9**, Greaves 6, French 5, Hilditch 5, Martinez 5. **Mansfield:** Arnold 6. ***WOODHEAD 8**, Kennedy 7, Matthews 7, Ayre 6, Calderwood 6, Bell 6, Hutchinson 6, Dungworth 7, Caldwell 6, Nicholson 6. **Referee:** T. Mills (Barnsley). **Match Rating:** ★★

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Parkinson 82). **BRISTOL CITY (0) 1** (Nicholls 49). **Att:** 3,624. **Scunthorpe:** Neenan 6, Oates 7, Pointon 6, Boxall 6, Baines 6. ***HUNTER 8**, O'Berg 7, Cammack 6, Magn 6, Parkinson 7, Leman 6. **Bristol City:** Shaw 7, Newman 7, Williams 6, Nicholls 7. ***PHILLIPSON-MASTERS 8**, Riley 7, Ritchie 6, Garland 7, Economou 6, Chandler 6, Crawford 6. **Referee:** R. Chadwick (Darwen). **Match Rating:** ★★

TORQUAY (0) 0. **WIMBLEDON (0) 1** (Hatter 83). **Att:** 2,316. **Torquay:** Horn 6, Boyle 5 (sub. Thompson), Wilson 6, Sheridan 5. ***LITTLE 7**, Hughes 6, Bishop 6, O'Donnell 5, Cooper 6, Anderson 5, Gallagher 5. **Wimbledon:** Beasant 6, Peters 6, Sparrow 6, Galliers 6, Smith 6. ***HATTER 8**, Evans 5, Ketteridge 6, Leslie 6, Hodges 5 (sub. Belfield), Gage 6. **Referee:** E. Read (Bristol). **Match Rating:** ★★

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Kerr 73). **HARTLEPOOL (0) 1** (Dobson 67). **Att:** 1,545. **Tranmere:** Endersby 7, Mungall 6, Burgess 5, Oliver 6, Hamilton 6, Williams 6, Powell 6. ***FERGUSON 8**, Kerr 6, Brown 5 (sub. Warriner 6), Griffiths 6. **Hartlepool:** ***BLACKBURN 8**, Brown 6, Barker 6, Robinson 7, Bird 7, Linighan 7, Lowe 6, Staff 6, Dobson 7, Bothwick 5 (sub. Harding 5), Linacre 6. **Referee:** M. J. Heath (Stoke). **Match Rating:** ★★★

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

ABERDEEN v MOTHERWELL — Match Postponed

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 1 (Dodds 40). **CELTIC (1) 1** (Nicholas 4). **Att:** 17,289. **Dundee Utd:** McAlpine 8, Gough 8, Hegarty 8, Narey 7, Malpas 6. ***KIRKWOOD 9**, Stark 7, Holt 7, Dodds 6, Sturrock 6, Bannan 6. **Celtic:** Bonner 7, McGrain 8. ***MACADAM 9**, Sinclair 6, Reid 6, McStay 8, Aitken 6, MacLeod 6, Provan 7, Nicholas 8, McCluskey 5. **Referee:** E. H. Pringle (Edinburgh). **Match Rating:** ★★★

HIBERNIAN (1) 2 (Harvey 12, Rae 58). **MORTON (0) 0**. **Att:** 4,500. **Hibs:** ***ROUGH 8**, Sneddon 6, Schaedler 6, Turnbull 7, Rae 7, McNamara 7, Duncan 7, Rice 7, Thompson 7, Welsh 5 (sub. Murray 6), Harvey 7 (sub. Irvine 5). **Morton:** Baines 6, Houston 5, Holmes 6. ***ROONEY 7**, MacLaughlin 5, Duffy 6, Payne 4, Gibson 5, Hutchison 4, Cochrane 5, McNab 4. **Referee:** R. B. Valentine (Dundee). **Match Rating:** ★★

RANGERS (0) 1 (McPherson 58). **DUNDEE (0) 1** (Bell 76). **Att:** 8,500. **Rangers:** McCloy 8, Dawson 7, Black 6, McClelland 7. ***MCPHERSON 9**, Bett 8, Dalziel 8, Prytz 6, Kennedy 7, Redford 7, MacDonald 6. **Dundee:** Kelly 7, McGeachie 7, McKimmie 7, Fraser 7. ***SMITH 8**, Macdonald 7, Ferguson 6, Bell 7, Sinclair 6, Mackie 6, Stephen 7. **Referee:** B. R. McGinlay (Balfour). **Match Rating:** ★★

ST MIRREN (1) 2 (Stark 33, MacDougall 75). **KILMARNOCK (0) 0**. **Att:** 3,303.

St Mirren: Thomson 7, Wilson 7, Clarke 6, McCormack 6. ***FULTON 8**, Abercromby 6, Stark 6, Richardson 5, MacDougall 7, McAvennie 7, Somner 7. **Kilmarnock:** McCulloch 7, McDicken 5, Clark 8, Clark 7, Armstrong 6. ***CLARKE 8**, P 8, McGivern 5 (sub. Bourke), MacLeod 6, Gallagher 6, Simpson 7, Bryson 6. **Referee:** G. Smith (Edinburgh). **Match Rating:** ★★★

First Division

AYR (1) 1 (Cleland 16). **AIRDRIE (0) 0**. **Att:** 924.

ALLOA v CLYDE — Match Postponed

CLYDEBANK (0) 0. **FALKIRK (2) 2** (Hoggan, pen 29, Brown 44). **Att:** 542.

DUNFERMLINE v HEARTS — Match Postponed

HAMILTON (2) 2 (McLaughlin 33, Phillips 42). **RAITH (0) 2** (Thomson 71, Candlish 84). **Att:** 724.

PARTICK THISTLE (1) 3 (MacDonald 15, Park 68, 86). **DUMBARTON (1) 2** (Craig 26, McGowan, P 59). **Att:** 1,789.

QUEENS PARK (1) 1 (Gilmour 30). **ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2** (Barron 5, Brannigan 58). **Att:** 975.

Second Division

ARBROATH (1) 3 (Docherty 3, Shaw 79, 87). **STRANRAER (0) 0**. **Att:** 640.

BRECHIN v ALBION — Match Postponed

COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Gibson 16, MacIntosh 79). **BERWICK (0) 0**. **Att:** 590.

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Campbell 7). **FORFAR (0) 4** (McPhee, pen, Clark, McDonald 2). **Att:** 810.

MEADOWBANK (0) 5 (Boyd 46, Hendrie 47, 57, Smith 58, Stewart 75). **MONTROSE (0) 0**. **Att:** 580.

STENHOUSEMUIR v EAST FIFE — Match Postponed

STIRLING (1) 4 (Colquhoun 38, 55, Steele 65, 77). **QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 1** (Alexander 44). **Att:** 480.

LEADING SCORERS

(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Rush (Liverpool)	20	4	24
Latchford (Swansea)	13	4	17
Stein (Luton)	15	1	16
Wark (Ipswich)	12	3	15
Dalglish (Liverpool)	13	1	14
Blissett (Watford)	12	2	14

Division Two

Drinkell (Grimsby)	13	5	18
Glavin (Barnsley)	12	5	17
Lineker (Leicester)	17	0	17
Davies (Fulham)	15	1	16
Garner (Blackburn)	14	1	15
Shoulder (Carlisle)	15	0	15
Davison (Derby)	12	3	15
(12 with Halifax)			
Keegan (Newcastle)	15	0	15

Division Three

Hemmerman (Cardiff)	17	4	21
Bell (Lincoln)	18	3	21
Dixon (Reading)	21	0	21

LEAGUE TABLES

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool	26	11	2	0	41	12	7	3	3	22	10	59
Man. Utd.	26	9	4	0	24	5	4	4	5	12	15	47
Watford	25	10	2	1	30	7	3	2	7	14	19	43
Nott'm For.	26	9	2	2	24	10	4	2	7	17	25	43
Everton	26	8	4	1	28	12	3	2	8	15	20	39
Aston Villa	26	9	2	2	28	12	3	1	9	9	23	39
Coventry	26	9	3	1	21	7	2	3	8	12	25	39
West Ham	26	8	1	4	28	15	4	0	9	14	25	37
West Brom.	26	7	4	2	26	13	3	3	7	12	23	37
Man. City	26	8	4	1	22	12	2	3	8	14	28	37
Tottenham	26	8	3	3	21	13	2	3	8	7	24	36
Arsenal	26	7	3	3	22	14	3	3	7	12	20	36
Ipswich	26	6	2	5	22	16	3	6	4	18	15	35
Stoke	26	8	3	2	25	16	2	2	9	12	24	35
Southampton	26	7	3	3	22	13	2	3	8	11	28	33
Notts County	26	7	2	4	19	16	2	2	9	13	31	31
Luton	26	5	4	4	24	21	3	4	6	23	30	30
Sunderland	26	5	3	3	19	12	2	4	7	11	27	30
Swansea	25	7	2	3	19	11	0	4	9	12	25	27
Birmingham	26	5	4	4	18	16	0	7	6	4	19	26
Norwich	26	6	2	5	17	13	1	3	9	9	32	26
Brighton	26	6	4	3	18	14	0	2	11	6	37	24

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wolves	26	11	0	2	33	10	5	5	3	18	15	53
QPR	26	9	2	2	25	10	7	2	4	16	12	52
Fulham	26	8	3	2	23	15	7	2	4	25	17	50
Leicester	26	8	1	6	19	11	6	2	5	23	17	39
Sheffield Wed	26	5	5	2	24	16	4	3	5	16	17	38
Oldham	27	4	7	2	25	19	4	6	4	19	17	37
Barnsley	26	6	6	1	25	14	3	4	6	13	18	37
Blackburn	26	6	5	2	26	16	4	2	7	13	22	37
Shrewsbury	26	5	3	3	12	10	5	2	6	19	25	37
Leeds	25	5	5	2	15	10	3	7	3	15	17	36
Grimsby	26	7	4	2	24	15	3	1	9	12	30	35
Newcastle	26	5	5	2	21	13	2	5	5	18	24	34
Rotherham	27	5	4	5	15	17	3	5	5	15	21	33
Charlton	26	7	1	5	22	21	2	4	7	17	31	32
Chelsea	26	6	5	2	23	11	2	2	9	10	23	31
Bolton	26	7	1	5	21	16	1	6	6	9	18	31
C Palace	26	6	5	2	19	13	1	5	7	9	20	31
Carlisle	26	7	1	5	29	21	1	5	7	12	28	30
Middlesbro	26	4	5	4	16	23	2	6	5	13	22	29
Cambridge	26	7	4	2	20	13	0	2	11	8	29	29
Burnley	26	5	3	5	22	18	1	2	10	14	30	23
Derby	26	3	6	4	17	20	1	5	7	13	23	23

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cardiff	26	11	1	2	27	10	6	3	6	23	26	55
Lincoln	26	12	0	1	41	8	5	3	3	15	16	54
Bristol Rov.	26	12	2	1	43	10	3	3	7	19	24	50
Portsmouth	26	10	0	2	25	10	5	4	5	17	20	49
Huddersfield	27	9	4	0	35	10	4	4	6	15	21	47
Oxford	27	6	7	0	25	14	7	1	6	21	17	47
Newport	27	7	5	2	25	15	5	2	6	20	21	43
Plymouth	27	10	0	3	23	14	2	4	8	17	31	40
Southend	27	8	4	2	30	16	3	2	8	12	19	39
Wigan	28	8	1	6	27	21	4	2	7	20	25	39
Brentford	27	9	2	3	37	19	1	4	8	21	32	36
Gillingham	28	6	3	4	19	15	3	5	7	13	19	35
Sheff U.	25	6	3	3	24	13	1	4	6	8	18	34
Bradford	27	6	5	2	25	17	2	5	7	15	25	34
Exeter	29	7	3	5	30	26	1	7	6	21	38	34
Bournemouth	29	6	4	3	20	11	3	3	10	13	39	34
Orient	28	7	3	5	26	26	3	1	9	9	32	34
Wrexham	27	7	4	3	18	11	1	5	7	8	28	33
Chesterfield	28	5	3	8	21	15	2	6	6	12	22	30
Reading	29	7	4	4	26	20	0	5	9	15	36	30
Doncaster	28	5	7	2	32	25	2	1	11	11	28	29
Walsal	26	6	4	4	16	15	1	4	7	16	28	29
Millwall	27	5	6	2	20	15	0	4	10	11	31	25
Preston	27	3	7	2	18	13	2	0	13	17	38	22

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hull	29	10	5	0	38	9	6	4	4	15	13	57

STAR CHALLENGE

YOUNG striker Paul Walsh expects arch rivals Watford to do Luton a rare favour on Saturday.

Graham Taylor's side take on bottom of the table Birmingham and a victory over them would ease Luton's relegation worries.

"We're too close to the First Division danger zone for comfort," says Paul. "So Watford can do us a favour by beating strugglers Birmingham."

"Watford have surprised everyone this season. They're winning regularly and are playing with a lot of confidence."

Paul is this week's guest on 'Star Challenge' and he's been put in the hot-seat by Luton fan Ian Saunders (13) of Harpenden, Herts.

The big clash in the First Division is at Anfield where Liverpool take on Ipswich and Paul says: "The way they are going at the moment I can't see anyone beating Liverpool."

"Liverpool are in a different league to everyone else this season and there's no doubt in my mind that they'll lift the Championship again."

Coventry have made a surprise appearance in the First Division's top six and Paul reckons their winning run will continue at Highfield Road when they take on inconsistent Manchester City.

Dave Sexton's side beat us 4-2 earlier this season but I didn't think they were as good as they've proved to be. At last they seem to be fulfilling their potential.

"An interesting game takes place at Villa Park between Aston Villa and Everton. Both teams have thrashed us

this season so I'll be interested to see who comes out on top."

Paul's own team travel to Old Trafford determined to make up for their 2-0 defeat at the hands of Manchester United in the FA Cup Fourth Round at Kenilworth Road.

"It's going to be a very difficult game for us because United are going so well at the moment," adds Paul.

The name of the 'Star Challenge' game is forecasting results and Paul will be trying to predict more correct scorelines than Ian.

We have selected ten First Division games and points will be awarded according to the accuracy of the forecasts. If Ian scores more than his Luton favourite he will win a special 'Star Challenge' certificate.

Even if Ian loses he won't go away empty-handed. He will receive an autographed picture of the striker.

PAUL WALSH IS THIS WEEK'S STAR GUESTS

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent.

There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for

the actual result.

Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

	Ian's forecast	Paul's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Aston Villa v Everton	3-1	1-1		
Brighton v West Brom	2-2	0-1		
Coventry v Man C.	1-0	2-1		
Liverpool v Ipswich	3-1	2-0		
Norwich v Sunderland	0-1	0-0		
Notts C. v Southampton	3-2	1-0		
Stoke v Nott'm F.	3-3	0-1		
Spurs v Swansea	2-0	2-0		
Watford v Birmingham	2-2	2-0		
West Ham v Arsenal	1-1	2-2		

FIXTURES

Friday, Feb 11
DIVISION FOUR

Colchester v Port Vale
Stockport v Scunthorpe

Saturday, Feb 12
DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa v Everton
Brighton v West Brom
Coventry v Man. City
Liverpool v Ipswich
Man. United v Luton
Norwich v Sunderland
Notts County v Southampton
Stoke v Nott'm Forest
Tottenham v Swansea
Watford v Birmingham
West Ham v Arsenal

DIVISION TWO

Burnley v QPR
Cambridge v Leeds
C. Palace v Bolton
Derby v Charlton
Fulham v Barnsley
Grimsby v Chelsea

If you would like to take part in 'Star Challenge' all you have to do is write in, enclosing your name, age and address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and most importantly your home telephone number.

Don't forget to state your favourite team and favourite players. Write to: 'Star Challenge', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8DJ.

● *Bad luck to 'Match' reader Mark Whittaker of Slough who was beaten four points to two by Crystal Palace star Vince Hilaire on January 29.*



Luton's England prospect Paul Walsh (above) and his challenger Ian Saunders of Harpenden, Herts (left).

Leicester v Shrewsbury
Newcastle v Rotherham
Oldham v Middlesbrough
Sheff. Wed. v Blackburn
Wolves v Carlisle

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth v Wrexham
Bradford v Bristol Rovers
Brentford v Reading
Cardiff v Oxford
Chesterfield v Southend
Doncaster v Orient
Gillingham v Sheff. United
Huddersfield v Millwall
Lincoln v Newport
Plymouth v Wigan
Portsmouth v Exeter
Preston v Walsall

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Northampton
Bristol City v Peterborough
Bury v Rochdale
Chester v Halifax
Darlington v Blackpool
Hartlepool v Torquay
Mansfield v Crewe
Swindon v Hereford
Wimbledon v Tranmere
York v Hull

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic v Aberdeen
Dundee v Hibernian
Kilmarnock v Dundee Utd
Morton v Rangers
Motherwell v St Mirren

FIRST DIVISION

Aloa v Clydebank
Dumbarton v Queen's Park
Dunfermline v Airdrie
Falkirk v Clyde
Hearts v Ayr
Partick v Raith
St Johnstone v Hamilton
SECOND DIVISION

Albion v Meadowbank
Berwick v East Stirling
East Fife v Stirling
Forfar v Brechin
Montrose v Arbroath
Queen of the South v Cowdenbeath
Stranraer v Stenhousemuir

MONDAY, FEB. 14

DIVISION THREE

Southend v Huddersfield
DIVISION FOUR

Port Vale v Scunthorpe
Stockport v Bury

Tuesday, Feb. 15

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth v Plymouth
Brentford v Oxford
Gillingham v Chesterfield
Millwall v Bristol Rovers
Newport v Preston
Walsall v Orient
Wigan v Exeter
Wrexham v Doncaster

DIVISION FOUR

Bristol City v Halifax
Crewe v Aldershot
Darlington v Tranmere
Hull v Hereford
Northampton v Rochdale
Swindon v Torquay
Wimbledon v Colchester
York v Blackpool

Wednesday, Feb 16

DIVISION THREE

Bradford v Cardiff
Lincoln v Portsmouth
Reading v Sheff. United

DIVISION FOUR

Peterborough v Chester



Ruud Krol — linking up with Johan Cruyff in the Dutch national side once more?

VETERAN World Cup star Johan Cruyff may be on the verge of an amazing comeback to international football.

Now 35, the former Holland captain is in line for a recall in the game against Spain, in Seville on February 16.

Cruyff has been in very impressive form for Ajax this season and his performances persuaded his manager to arrange a meeting with Dutch team boss Kees Rijvers.

CRUYFF

COMEBACK?

Although Cruyff said afterwards he still saw "many problems", Dutch experts believe the old master will return alongside exile stars Ruud Krol, Kees Kist, Jan Peters, Johnny Metgod and Simon Tahamata.

Meanwhile Cruyff's Ajax, who top the Dutch League, were involved in an attacking festival when they drew 5-5 with Groningen.

That stylish show in which Cruyff's influence was there for all to see was followed by another cheeky display by the Dutchman.

It came when Ajax easily beat Helmond Sport 5-0 with Cruyff and Olsen swapping passes from a penalty to score the second goal.

Says Cruyff: "We got the idea when training in the snow. When the ground is heavy or slippery this trick allows you to control the shot better. Also it's entertaining for the fans."

SPAIN CALL FOR MORA

EL SALVADOR'S World Cup goalkeeper Mora — the man who let in ten goals in the game against Hungary at Elche — has been asked to return to Spain to coach a local team at the same stadium.

Despite his unenviable record in the Finals — he let in a total of 13 goals — locals want Mora to help them set up a team for their young players who are hunting for a chance to parade their talents at the top Spanish clubs.

■ MEXICO have appointed a new team manager in Yugoslav Bora Milutinovic, who coached successfully with French side Monaco before leaving Europe for South America seven years ago. He will operate both the national team job and his post with club side Universidad de Mexico.

■ CZECHOSLOVAKIA is to take a bold step in line with the dreams of English soccer administrators by cutting its League in size to help with the preparations of the international team. In the 1983-84 season the Czech League will be cut from 16 teams to 14.

■ A NEW book has been published in Algeria about the country's top football manager, international team boss Rachid Mekhloufi. It is titled 'Imagination at the end of your foot'!

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INTERNATIONAL HOT LINE

THOMAS TOPS POLL

THOMAS N'Kono, the Cameroon keeper who has settled in nicely with Espanol after his World Cup exploits, has been voted "Best Buy of the Season", a competition for all foreign players in the Spanish League. Denmark's Lauridsen, one of N'Kono's team-mates gets second place, Argentinian Barbas (Zaragoza) is third and Holland's Johnny Metgod (Real Madrid) fourth. Where are those two star names? Barcelona's Bernd Schuster and Diego Maradona are joint eleventh! So what's in a name after all?

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Focus on one of the heroes of Burnley's cup exploits...

TREVOR STEVEN

FULL NAME: Trevor McGregor Steven.

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Berwick-upon-Tweed, September 21, 1963.

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft. 9ins./10st. 5lbs.

CAR: Capri 1600GL.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.

CLUB NICKNAME: 'Tricky'.

WORST EVER INJURY:

Damaged ankle ligaments against Huddersfield which put me out for eight or nine games.

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL

LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY:

Glenn Hoddle of Spurs, he's extremely skilful, a superb passer and he scores goals.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:

Tottenham.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER

AND WHY: Diego Maradona of Argentina — superb balance, skill and physique.

BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM:

Banks (England), McGrain (Scotland), Cooper, Moore (England), Lawrenson, Brady (Eire), Hoddle, Greaves,

Charlton R. (England), Law (Scotland), Best (N. Ireland).

ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI:

Banks, Alberto (Brazil),

Beckenbauer (West Germany),

Moore, Krol (Holland), Charlton R., Best, Pele (Brazil), Maradona (Argentina), Cruyff (Holland),

Gerson (Brazil).

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:

White Hart Lane.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN

STADIUM AT WHICH YOU

HAVE PLAYED: I've yet to play

abroad.

BEST GOAL SCORED: My first

League goal — a 30 yarder

against Reading in 1981.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

As above.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN

FOOTBALL: Playing for England

Under-15's at Wembley in front

of 60,000 fans.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:

Missing a match against West

Germany schoolboys because

of injury.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:

Golf, cricket and tennis.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:

Winning, playing well, visiting

home, driving and nice people.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:

Journey's home after defeat

and ignorant people.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Dallas,

Top of the Pops.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS

SWITCH OFF: Crossroads.

FAVOURITE READING:

Definitely 'Match Weekly'.

FAVOURITE POP STARS: Paul

Weller, Otis Redding.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak,

chips and tomatoes.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Orange

and Lemonade.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Italy.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:

Burt Lancaster, Steve

McQueen, Bo Derek and Sophia

Picture courtesy CIC (UK)



Stunning blonde actress Bo Derek — a favourite of Burnley's Trevor Steven.

Loren.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST

YEAR: 'First Blood'.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON

CAREER: Wilf Renton — one of

my former school teachers.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT

FOOTBALL: Inconsistent

referees and dirty play.

SUPERSTITIONS: I always have

a warm-up bath before a

match.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Usually a

grilled breakfast.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:

England Under-15, Schoolboy

and Youth.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be

happily married with no

financial worries.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To

help Burnley climb the football

ladder again and to play for

England.

CAREER AFTER PLAYING:

Perhaps go into coaching

abroad — I fancy a warmer

climate.

PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:

Dave Miller — a young pro at

Burnley.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE

TO MEET: Bo Derek.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS:

Learn good habits and practice

them.

Trevor Steven



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